

**I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS**

| Resolution No. | Sponsor | Title | Date Intro | Date of Presentation | Date Adopted | Date Referred | Referred to | PUBLIC HEARING DATE | DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED | NOTES |
|----------------|--------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| 25-36 (LS) | Clynton E. Ridgell | Relative to recognizing and congratulating Saina Francisco B. Rabon, Premier Master of CHamoru Dance for the publication and distribution of "I Lina'la Guma Taotao Tano," and applauding his tireless efforts to provide education and resource materials for the CHamoru culture and people | 2/22/21 2:22 p.m. | 2/26/21 5:30 p.m. | | | | | | |

I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2021 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 25-36 (LS)

Introduced by:

Clynton E. Ridgeff 

Relative to recognizing and congratulating Saina Francisco B. Rabon, Premier Master of CHamoru Dance for the publication and distribution of “*I Lina'la Guma Taotao Tano'*,” and applauding his tireless efforts to provide education and resource materials for the CHamoru culture and people

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN***
2 ***GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS**, established in 1983 by Saina Francisco B. Rabon, *Guma' Taotao*
4 *Tano'* became the Catalyst in *I Bailan Chamoru*, paving the way for *meggai na*
5 *Guma' Man Baila* (CHamoru Cultural Dance Houses) to be established; and

6 **WHEREAS**, on September 2011, and in response to the founding of many
7 new *Guma'* (cultural houses), *Para I Probechu'n I Taotao-ta*, Inc. (PIPIT) was
8 founded as a non-profit CHamoru Culture Organization supporting organizations
9 and members who promote the preservation of the CHamoru language and culture;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, today, PIPIT serves as an umbrella organization for all
12 recognized CHamoru cultural houses in Guam, the CNMI, the United States, and
13 Japan; and

1 **WHEREAS**, under the direction and vision of Saina Frank, Premier Master
2 of CHamoru Dance, *Guma' Taotao Tano'* has made a monumental contribution in
3 the preservation of CHamoru language and culture through the establishment of *I*
4 *Bailan Chamoru*; and

5 **WHEREAS**, “*I Lina'la Guma Taotao Tano'*” is an historical account of *I*
6 *Bailan CHamoru* – the journey of which Saina Frank took it upon himself to search
7 out evidence of CHamoru dance; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Saina Frank has endeavored over the years to gather and
9 research information and history on the lifestyles of the CHamoru people and
10 redevelop dances based on the peoples and tribes from with the CHamorus
11 descended; and

12 **WHEREAS**, “*I Lina'la Guma Taotao Tano'*” documents this journey, the
13 challenges endured, and the achievements by *Guma' Taotao Tano'* – the CHamoru
14 cultural dance house and its members who shared one collective goal to re-identify
15 the misrepresentation of CHamoru people in the tourism industry; and

16 **WHEREAS**, this book chronicles the inception of *Inetnon I Manfafana'guen*
17 *Bailan Chamoru* Tribal Council, through which leaders of dance houses apprenticed
18 under Saina Frank to complete *I Chalan Lina'la* (Traditional Rites of Passage) and
19 have been certified and recognized by *I Mina'trentai Dos na Liheslaturan Guåhan*;
20 and

21 **WHEREAS**, “*I Lina'la Guma Taotao Tano'*” currently serves as resource
22 documentation in the education and perpetuation of CHamoru language and culture;
23 now therefore, be it

24 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
25 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and congratulate Saina Francisco B.
26 Rabon for the publication of his book, “*I Lina'la Guma Taotao Tano'*,” and applauds

1 his efforts to provide education and resources materials for the CHamoru culture and
2 people; and be it further

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
4 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Saina
5 Francisco B. Rabon, Premier Master of CHamoru Dance; Dr. Michael Lujan
6 Bevacqua, Chairman of *Para I Probechu'n I Taotao-ta*, Inc., Board of Directors;
7 Zina Ruiz, Executive Director, *Para I Probechu'n I Taotao-ta*, Inc; and to the
8 Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY OF MONTH YEAR.**

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary