

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE AUTHORS REPORT FILED	NOTES
156-37 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje Sabina Flores Perez Tina Rose Muña Barnes Amanda L. Shelton Telo T. Taitague Joanne Brown William A. Parkinson Roy A. B. Quinata Joe S. San Agustin Frank Blas, Jr. Jesse A. Lujan Chris Barnett Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas Christopher M. Dueñas Thomas J. Fisher	Relative to posthumously recognizing and honoring Ebilreklai Gracia Demei Yalap for her leadership as Paramount Female Matriarch of the First Ranking Udes House of Melekeok State and Despedall of the Republic of Palau; offering thanks on behalf of the people of Guam for her contributions to preserving Micronesian culture; and further expressing condolences to her family on her passing.	7/11/23 1:00 p.m.	7/11/23 4:30 p.m.	7/11/23 3:27 p.m.					

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Relative to posthumously recognizing the late Ebilrekklai Gracia Demei Yalap for her leadership as Paramount Female Matriarch of the First Ranking Udes House of Melekeok State and Despedall of the Republic of Palau; commending her for her contributions to preserving the Micronesian culture; and expressing condolences to her family on her passing.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:

WHEREAS, the late Ebilrekklai Gracia Demei Yalap, who was a daughter, sister, wife and mother, was born on September 1, 1932 in Melekeok State, the third (3rd) child of the six (6) children of the late Ebil Reebchong Sechedui Asanuma and the late Buk Demei Basio; and her siblings are Baslisa Brell Tarkong, Goretty Demei Gabriel Wasising, the late Andres Demei, the late Maria Demei Sadang, and the late Kazuo Asanuma. Ebilrekklai Gracia Demei Yalap grew up mostly in Melekeok State, and was mentored by Melekeok's traditional and most senior elders of the Udes clan, living through them the life of the Udes and Palauan women; and

WHEREAS, the late Ebilrekklai Gracia Demei Yalap was a pillar of strength who raised seven (7) children with her late husband, Dr. Roisingang Yalap, one of Palau's first doctors; and her eldest daughter, Mrs. Salome Yalap Kirk, and six (6) sons, Olsingh Yalap, Yong Yalap, Yalap P. Yalap, Noe Yalap, the late Valentine Yalap, and the late Roy Junior Edgar Yalap carry on her legacy. She especially kept a strong bond with her obligations and customs to her late mother's extended families and descendants of Ngriraschedui and of her late father's extended relatives; and she devoted her life to putting everyone together by fulfilling her role with the love and devotion of her unifying spirit; and

WHEREAS, the late Ebilrekklai Gracia Demei Yalap displayed the resilience and dedication of Palauan women, honoring her heritage throughout her life; and she gracefully embraced the succession of seven (7) Ebilrekklai, including her great-grandmother, Ebilrekklai Rolmii, and she faithfully carried out her title's duties and responsibilities after she was ceremoniously anointed "Ebilrekklai" on February 14, 2009. Her clanship was Paramount Female Matriarch of the First Ranking Udes House of Melekeok State and Despedall of the Republic of Palau, and she stood as the Female Counterpart of Paramount Chief Reklai Bao Ngrimang from Melekeok State of the House of Udes, First Ranking Clan of Melekeok State and Despedall, consisting of Melekeok State, Ngeshar State, Ngwal State, Ngarard State, Ngerchelung State, Kayangal State, and other associated States of Palau, embodying the traditions and values of her clan and Despedall; and

WHEREAS, as head of the Rudalbil, the council of female counterparts to the chiefs of Bai Melekeok, Ebilrekklai Gracia Demei Yalap actively contributed to the deliberations and community activities in Melekeok. She also played a significant role as a representative of Melekeok and Despedall in the renowned Mechesil Belau Organization (Traditional Women of Palau). For nearly thirty (30) years, Mechesil Belau has dedicated itself to combating drugs, addressing social and youth issues, legislating laws that help the people of Palau, promoting environmental protection, and preserving the Palauan cultural tradition and arts; and

WHEREAS, the late Ebilrekklai Gracia Demei Yalap's faith was unwavering, as she actively participated in Catholic Church programs and found solace in singing and listening to choir songs. She also possessed a green thumb and nurtured beautiful plants and fruit trees while generously sharing her knowledge with family and others, and she was known by the women throughout Melekeok State's villages as a strong and staunch taro farmer. Her mastery of traditional Palauan arts and crafts, especially weaving, showcased her deep connection to her cultural heritage; and

WHEREAS, above all, Ebilrekklai Gracia Demei Yalap was devoted to her family, clan, and community. Her love, dedication and unwavering strength guided her in fulfilling her responsibilities, faithfully serving those she cared for until her final days; and


WHEREAS, Ebilrekklai Gracia Demei Yalap passed away on July 1, 2023, and in the memories many people hold of her and the legacy she leaves behind, she will forever be remembered as a remarkable woman who embodied the spirit of Palauan tradition, love and resilience. She is survived by her two (2) siblings, her five (5) children, her thirteen (13) grandchildren, her six (6) great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews; and may her soul now rest in eternal peace; now therefore, be it


RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, posthumously recognize the late Ebilrekklai Gracia Demei Yalap for her leadership as Paramount Female Matriarch of the First Ranking Udes House of Melekeok State and Despedall of the Republic of Palau; commend her for her contributions to preserving the Micronesian culture; and express condolences to her family on her passing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the late Ebilrekklai Gracia Demei Yalap's sister, Mrs. Baslisa Brell Tarkong, on behalf of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; to the Paramount Chief Reklai Raphael Bao Ngrimang; to His Excellency Surangel Whipps, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau; to the Honorable Henaro Polloi, Governor of Melekeok State; to the Honorable Hokkons Baules, President of the Senate; to the Honorable Sabino Anastacio, Speaker of the House of Delegates of the Eleventh Olbil Era Kelulau; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Mago'hagan Guåhan*.


DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 11TH DAY OF JULY 2023.


THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker


CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules


CHRIS BARNETT
Acting Legislative Secretary




MARIE CRUZ
07/11/2023, 3:51 p.m.

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2023 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 156-37 (COR)

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7 first doctors; and her eldest daughter, Mrs. Salome Yalap Kirk, and six (6) sons, Olsingh
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9 Roy Junior Edgar Yalap carry on her legacy. She especially kept a strong bond with her
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11 Ngiraschedui and of her late father’s extended relatives; and she devoted her life to
12 putting everyone together by fulfilling her role with the love and devotion of her
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20 of Melekeok State and Despedall of the Republic of Palau, and she stood as the Female
21 Counterpart of Paramount Chief Reklai Bao Ngirmang from Melekeok State of the
22 House of Udes, First Ranking Clan of Melekeok State and Despedall, consisting of
23 Melekeok State, Ngchesar State, Ngiwal State, Ngaraard State, Ngerchelongs State,
24 Kayangal State, and other associated States of Palau, embodying the traditions and
25 values of her clan and Despedall; and

26 **WHEREAS**, as head of the Rudalbil, the council of female counterparts to the
27 chiefs of Bai Melekeong, Ebilreklai Gracia Demei Yalap actively contributed to the

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21 tradition, love and resilience. She is survived by her two (2) siblings, her five (5)
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23 nieces and nephews; and may her soul now rest in eternal peace; now therefore, be it

24 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*
25 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
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9 Excellency Surangel Whipps, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau; to the Honorable
10 Henaro Polloi, Governor of Melekeok State; to the Honorable Hokkons Baules,
11 President of the Senate; to the Honorable Sabino Anastacio, Speaker of the House of
12 Delegates of the Eleventh Olbiil Era Kelulau; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon
13 Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 11TH DAY
OF JULY 2023.**



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Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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Acting Legislative Secretary



COMMITTEE ON RULES

Chris Barnett, Chairperson, Committee on Rules

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

37th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

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	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Chris Barnett Chairperson	E-VOTE	7/11/23	X		
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Vice Chairperson	E-VOTE	7/11/23	X		
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member	<i>tw</i>	7/11/23	X		
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member					
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Member					
Senator William A. Parkinson Member	E-VOTE	7/11/23	X		
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata Member	E-VOTE	7/11/23	X		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member					
Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas Member	E-VOTE	7/11/23	X		
Senator Joanne Brown Minority Member	E-VOTE	7/11/23	X		
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Minority Member					
Senator Thomas J. Fisher Minority Member					
Senator Telo T. Taitague Minority Member	E-VOTE	7/11/23	X		

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Sponsor Signature: *[Signature]*

Staff Contact Person: *Lincoln Budasi*

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 8 Certified Returned

Name: Marie Crisostmo

Date: 7/11/23 3:27 p.m.

Notes:



Office of the Speaker
THERESE M. TERLAJE

I Mina'trentai Siette na Liheslaturan Guåhan | 37th Guam Legislature
Committee on Health, Land, Justice, and Culture

July 11, 2023

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators, Stakeholders

From: Speaker Therese M. Terlaje *TMT*

Subject: **Notice of Presentation - Resolution No. 156-37 (COR)**

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

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The Legislative Resolution will be hand delivered to the A.B. Won Pat International Airport, today, Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Please note that a waiver of the 24-hour Presentation Memo has been granted by the Committee on Rules.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

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