

I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE AUTHORS REPORT FILED	NOTES
277-37 (COR)	Tina Rose Muña Barnes Jesse A. Lujan Christopher M. Dueñas	Relative to recognizing Director-General Paul Yin-Lien Chen of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Guam (TECO); and commending him for his work towards strengthening the relationships between the people of Guam and the people of Taipei.	12/12/23 2:16 p.m.	1/9/24 10:00 a.m.	12/22/23 8:45 a.m.					

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Relative to recognizing Director-General Paul Yin-Lien Chen of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Guam (TECO); and commending him for his work towards strengthening the relationships between the people of Guam and the people of Taipei.

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

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2020, the Honorable Paul Yin-Lien Chen was appointed to serve at the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in Hagåtña, Guam, contributing significantly to the reopening of the TECO office in Guam after the closure of the office in 2017; and

WHEREAS, under Director General Chen's leadership, TECO resumed operations and quickly got to work identifying needs in Guam's community that TECO can lend their assistance in; namely, through the promotion of the Guam Visitors Bureau's vacation and vaccination program (Air V&V) in Taiwan; growing Guam's network of healthcare through telemedicine and the establishment of healthcare referral offices in hospitals in Taiwan; hosting forums such as the "2021 Taiwan-Guam Virtual Economic Summit"; the "2021 Taiwan-Guam University Education Summit"; the "2022 Taiwan-Guam Virtual Agriculture, Technology, Sustainability (ATS) Summit"; and the "2023 Austronesian Peoples Skills Exchange Workshop"; establishing partnerships with the University of Guam and universities in Taiwan; and renewing interest in investments in Guam from Taiwan-based businesses in hospitality and real estate development, to include the Honhui Group, and food and beverage businesses like the Tiger Sugar Bubble Tea chain; and

WHEREAS, to deepen and enhance Guam's relationship with the people of Taiwan, Director General Chen oversaw the establishment of sister-city relationships between the people of Guam and the people of Taoyuan City and Taichung City. Furthermore, the Guam Taiwan Office was established as a part of the American State Offices Association in Taiwan, formalizing strategic economic and education coordination efforts between Guam and Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, being an advocate for animal rights and responsible pet ownership, Director General Chen initiated programs to curb the growing stray animal population in Guam. He brought a team from the Department of Veterinary Medicine of Taiwan's National Chung Hsing University in August 2022, and in collaboration with the University of Guam, the Guam Department of Agriculture, Guam Animals in Need (GAIN), and various veterinary offices, it led to an effort to spay or neuter four hundred (400) animals and to speak on responsible pet care and ownership at the University of Guam; and

WHEREAS, Director General Chen continued TECO's commitment to the island and the people of Guam with monetary donations to the UOG Endowment Foundation, Guam Animals in Need, *Mañe'lu*, the Guam Memorial Hospital Volunteers Association, and the American Red Cross; as well as, making donations of face masks, COVID-19 medical supplies, and a JAG TeleCare Remote Health Monitoring platform to the Guam Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, prior to his service on the island of Guam, Director General Chen led a prolific career in diplomacy entering foreign service as a Protocol Officer at the Department of Protocol in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Director General Chen then served as Political Director, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago from July 2000 to July 2007; Section Chief of Strategic Security Unit at the Department of Policy Planning at MOFA from August 2007 to August 2010; Political Director, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Los Angeles from July 2010 to July 2016; Deputy Counselor at the Department of Policy Planning at MOFA from August 2016 to August 2018; and Deputy Director General, the Office of Parliamentary Affairs, MOFA from August 2018 to September 2020; and

WHEREAS, Director General Chen has served as an invaluable line of communication between Guam and the people of Taipei, upholding our fifty (50)- year sister-city commitments; and his accomplishments during his time on Guam has strengthened the island's special bonds to Taiwan; 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, recognize Director-General Paul Yin-Lien Chen of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Guam (TECO); and commend him for his work towards strengthening the relationships between the people of Guam and the people of Taiwan; 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 Honorable Paul Yin-Lien Chen, Director General of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Guam (TECO); and the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga' higan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 22ND DAY OF DECEMBER 2023.

THERESE M. TERLAJE
Speaker

CHRIS BARNETT
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



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2023 (FIRST) Regular Session

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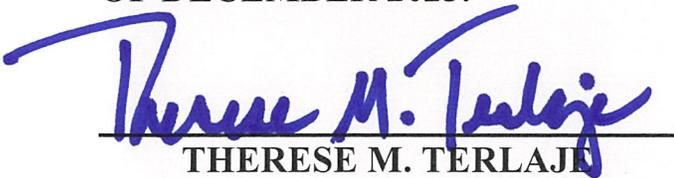
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COMMITTEE ON RULES

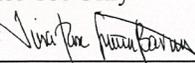
Chris Barnett, Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

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	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Chris Barnett Chairperson					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Vice Chairperson	e-vote	12/21/23	✓		
Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member	e-vote	12/21/23	✓		
Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member		12/21/23	✓		
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Member	e-vote	12/21/23	✓		
Senator William A. Parkinson Member	e-vote	12/21/23	✓		
Senator Roy A. B. Quinata Member	e-vote	12/21/23	✓		
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	e-vote	12/21/23	✓		
Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas Member	e-vote	12/21/23	✓		
Senator Joanne Brown Minority Member	e-vote	12/21/23	✓		
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Minority Member	e-vote	12/21/23	✓		
Senator Thomas J. Fisher Minority Member					
Senator Telo T. Taitague Minority Member	e-vote	12/21/23	✓		
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Sponsor Signature: 					
Staff Contact Person: Alan Cepeda					
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11 Certified _____ Returned _____					
Name: Marie Crisostomo					
Date: December 22, 2023 at 8:45 a.m.					
Notes:					



Office of the Vice Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

37th Guam Legislature

January 4, 2024

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators
37th Guam Legislature

From: Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

Subject: Presentation of Resolution No. 277-37 (COR)

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join us for the presentation of **Resolution No. 277-37 (COR) – Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Jesse A. Lujan, Christopher M. Dueñas.** – “Relative to recognizing Director-General Paul Yin-Lien Chen of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Guam (TECO); and commending him for his work towards strengthening the relationships between the people of Guam and the people of Taipei.”

The presentation will take place on **Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 10 am in the Guam Congress Building’s Public Hearing Room.**

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!