I MINA 'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN RESOLUTIONS

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440-37 (LS)		Relative to recognizing the Guam Society of America, Inc. and Guam Delegate James Moylan for celebrating the Eightieth (80th) Liberation Day of Guam; and further commending them for perpetuating our island's history in Washington, D.C.		7/5/24	7/1/24					

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Relative to recognizing the Guam Society of America, Inc. and Guam Delegate James Moylan for celebrating the Eightieth (80th) Liberation Day of Guam; and further commending them for perpetuating our island's history in Washington, D.C.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:

WHEREAS, Liberation Day 2024 marks the eightieth (80th) year anniversary of the liberation of Guam from Japanese occupation during World War II by American forces, a pivotal moment that ended a dark chapter in the history of Guam and its people; and

WHEREAS, Guam was invaded by Japanese forces on December 8, 1941, just hours after the attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, leading to over two and a half (21/2) years of occupation; and during the Japanese occupation, the people of Guam endured severe repression, forced labor, internment, and brutality; and

WHEREAS, American forces launched the Battle of Guam on July 21, 1944, as part of the larger Pacific campaign, ultimately liberating the island and restoring freedom to the people of Guam; and

WHEREAS, the liberation of Guam was a significant victory for the Allied Forces and a turning point in the Pacific Theater, symbolizing hope and resilience in the face of adversity; and

WHEREAS, the atrocities endured by the people of Guam in World War II brought about the passing of legislation in the United States Congress recognizing this great upheaval to Guam's peaceful society, including the "Meritorious Claims Act of 1945" and the "Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act"; and its provisions provided for the payment of war claims compensation; and

WHEREAS, the Eightieth (80th) Liberation Day of Guam is a significant milestone that commemorates the courage, resilience, and sacrifices of the people of Guam and the American soldiers who fought for their freedom; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Congressional Delegate James Moylan has been a dedicated representative and advocate for the people of Guam, working tirelessly to honor and preserve the history and culture of the island; and

WHEREAS, the Guam Society of America, Inc. has played an instrumental role in organizing events, promoting awareness, and fostering a sense of community among Guamanians, both on the island and in the diaspora, especially in the celebration of Liberation Day each year; and

WHEREAS, the collaborative efforts of Delegate Moylan and the Guam Society have ensured that the Eightieth (80th) Liberation Day is celebrated with the dignity and reverence it deserves in the Nation's capital, providing an opportunity for reflection and prayer in remembrance of those who fought for Guam and those who lived through this painful chapter in Guam's history; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I Mina' trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guâhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the Guam Society of America, Inc. and Guam Delegate James Moylan for celebrating the Eightieth (80th) Liberation Day of Guam; and further commend them for perpetuating our island's history in Washington, D.C.; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Guam Society of America, Inc.; to the Honorable James C. Moylan, Guam Delegate to the United States Congress; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Maga'hågan Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 151 DAY OF JULY 2024.

THERESE M. TERLAJE Speaker

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I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2024 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 440-37 (LS)

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WHEREAS, the atrocities endured by the people of Guam in World War II brought about the passing of legislation in the United States Congress recognizing this great upheaval to Guam's peaceful society, including the "Meritorious Claims Act of 14 1945" and the "Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act"; and its provisions 15 provided for the payment of war claims compensation; and

WHEREAS, the Eightieth (80th) Liberation Day of Guam is a significant milestone that commemorates the courage, resilience, and sacrifices of the people of Guam and the American soldiers who fought for their freedom; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Congressional Delegate James Moylan has been a dedicated representative and advocate for the people of Guam, working tirelessly to honor and preserve the history and culture of the island; and

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6 **RESOLVED,** that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does 7 hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize the Guam Society of America, Inc. 8 and Guam Delegate James Moylan for celebrating the Eightieth (80th) Liberation Day 9 of Guam; and further commend them for perpetuating our island's history in 10 Washington, D.C.; and be it further

11 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, 12 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the 13 Guam Society of America, Inc.; to the Honorable James C. Moylan, Guam Delegate to 14 the United States Congress; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I* 15 *Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 1ST DAY OF JULY 2024.

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Speaker

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Office of the Vice Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES

I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

37th Guam Legislature

July 3, 2024

MEMORANDUM

To:All Senators
37th Guam LegislatureFrom:Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes &
Subject:Subject:Presentation of Resolution No. 440-37 (LS)

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please be advised Resolution No. 440-37 (LS) – Tina Rose Muña Barnes – "Relative to recognizing the Guam Society of America, Inc. and Guam Delegate James Moylan for celebrating the Eightieth (80th) Liberation Day of Guam; and further commending them for perpetuating our island's history in Washington, D.C." will be prepared for hand delivery on July 5, 2024.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!