

**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 |
|----------------|-----------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| 297-37 (COR)   | Tina Rose Muña Barnes | Relative to recognizing Bruce Best ( <i>Brother Bruce</i> ) for his forty (40) years of contributions to the annual "Operation Christmas Drop"; and commending him for his dedication to our island community through environmental stewardship and sustainable development. | 1/17/24<br>9:35 a.m. | 1/23/24<br>12:00 p.m. | 1/19/24<br>2:14 p.m. |               |             |                     |                           |       |

Resolution No. 297-37 (COR)

Introduced by:

Tina Rose Muña Barnes

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| Chris Barnett         | Sabina Flores Perez     |
| Frank Diaz, Jr        | Roy A. B. Quinara       |
| Juanne Davon          | Joe S. San Agustin      |
| Christopher M. Dueñas | Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas |
| Thomas J. Fisher      | Amanda L. Shelton       |
| Jesse A. Lujan        | Telo T. Tanguay         |
| William A. Parkinson  | Therese M. Terlaje      |



**Relative to recognizing Bruce Best (Brother Bruce) for his forty (40) years of contributions to the annual "Operation Christmas Drop"; and commending him for his dedication to our island community through environmental stewardship and sustainable development**

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

WHEREAS, Bruce Best, known to many as "Brother Bruce" earned a BA degree in Aquatic Biology from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and an MS degree in Marine Biology from the University of Guam; and

WHEREAS, Bruce served as the Station Manager for the Telecommunication and Distance Education Operation (TADEO) at the Center for Continuing Education Outreach Programs at the University of Guam, the Micronesian base for the Pan-Pacific Education and Communication Experiments by Satellite (PEACESAT); and

WHEREAS, his work at TADEO connected over thirty (30) island nations and countries to come together, and he provided support for environmental and medical emergencies and facilitating distance education; and with his experience using high frequency radio, Bruce Best kept all the Pacific islands informed about weather and current events; and

WHEREAS, for the past forty (40) years, Bruce was instrumental towards the success of the annual "Operation Christmas Drop," which has provided humanitarian aid to about sixty (60) remote islands across the Pacific/Micronesia region; and he has volunteered his time coordinating logistical support through high frequency radio communications between Guam and the other Pacific islands. His dedication towards this humanitarian project over the years was acknowledged in the 2020 Netflix film, "Operation Christmas Drop," where he was given a spot in the movie playing himself; and

WHEREAS, Bruce has spent his life living in the Pacific islands, fostering deep connections and friendships with many people from the different Pacific islands, and he has engaged meaningfully in the development and growth of the region; and

WHEREAS, Bruce's advocacy on environmental stewardship and sustainable development is well-known, and he is internationally recognized for his research efforts in utilizing solar technology for telecommunications and aquaculture in remote island areas; and

WHEREAS, Bruce's dedication towards improving the lives of the people living in the Pacific islands, particularly remote islands, has been instrumental in the development of the region; and his volunteer work with "Operation Christmas Drop" serves as a lifeline for the many people living in the remote islands who are unable to get access to essential needs on a daily basis; 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 Bruce Best (Brother Bruce) for his forty (40) years of contributions to the annual "Operation Christmas Drop"; and commend him for his dedication to our island community through environmental stewardship and sustainable development; and be it further

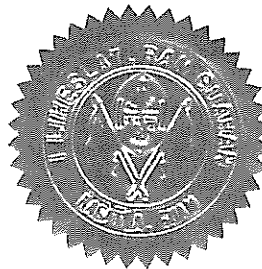
RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Bruce Best; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Manga Inågan Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2024.

THERESE M. TERLAJE  
Speaker

CHRIS BARNETT  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

CHRIS BARNETT  
Acting Legislative Secretary



Alon Cepeda Que  
1/23/24 @ 8:54 am

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

**Resolution No. 297-37(COR)**

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Tina Rose Muña Barnes  
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Joanne Brown  
Christopher M. Dueñas  
Thomas J. Fisher  
Jesse A. Lujan  
William A. Parkinson  
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2        ***MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

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4 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*  
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OF JANUARY 2024.**

  
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**THERESE M. TERLAJE**  
Speaker

  
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**CHRIS BARNETT**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

  
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**CHRIS BARNETT**  
Acting Legislative Secretary



# COMMITTEE ON RULES

Chris Barnett, Chairperson, Committee on Rules

*I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

37<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature

## COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

**Resolution No. 297-37 (COR) - Tina Rose Muña Barnes.** - "Relative to recognizing Bruce Best (*Brother Bruce*) for his forty (40) years of contributions to the annual "Operation Christmas Drop"; and commending him for his dedication to our island community through environmental stewardship and sustainable development."

|  | INITIAL | DATE    | TO ADOPT | TO NOT ADOPT | TO ABSTAIN |
|--|---------|---------|----------|--------------|------------|
| <b>Senator Chris Barnett</b><br>Chairperson              |         |         |          |              |            |
| <b>Senator Sabina Flores Perez</b><br>Vice Chairperson   | e-vote  | 1/19/24 | ✓        |              |            |
| <b>Speaker Therese M. Terlaje</b><br>Member              |         |         |          |              |            |
| <b>Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes</b><br>Member      |         | 1/18/24 | ✓        |              |            |
| <b>Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton</b><br>Member | e-vote  | 1/18/24 | ✓        |              |            |
| <b>Senator William A. Parkinson</b><br>Member            | e-vote  | 1/18/24 | ✓        |              |            |
| <b>Senator Roy A. B. Quinata</b><br>Member               | e-vote  | 1/18/24 | ✓        |              |            |
| <b>Senator Joe S. San Agustin</b><br>Member              | e-vote  | 1/18/24 | ✓        |              |            |
| <b>Senator Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas</b><br>Member        | e-vote  | 1/18/24 | ✓        |              |            |
| <b>Senator Joanne Brown</b><br>Minority Member           | e-vote  | 1/18/24 | ✓        |              |            |
| <b>Senator Christopher M. Dueñas</b><br>Minority Member  | e-vote  | 1/18/24 | ✓        |              |            |
| <b>Senator Thomas J. Fisher</b><br>Minority Member       |         |         |          |              |            |
| <b>Senator Telo T. Taitague</b><br>Minority Member       | e-vote  | 1/18/24 | ✓        |              |            |
| <b>For Sponsor's Office Use Only</b>                     |         |         |          |              |            |
| Sponsor Signature:                                       |         |         |          |              |            |
| Staff Contact Person: Alan Cepeda                        |         |         |          |              |            |
| <b>For COR/Clerk's Office Use Only</b>                   |         |         |          |              |            |
| <u>9</u> Certified _____ Returned                        |         |         |          |              |            |
| Name: Joven Aguon  |         |         |          |              |            |
| Date: January 19, 2024 at 2:14 pm                        |         |         |          |              |            |
| Notes:   |         |         |          |              |            |



Office of the Vice Speaker

**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**

*I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

**37<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature**

January 22, 2024

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** All Senators  
37<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature

**From:** Vice Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes

**Subject:** Presentation of Resolution No. 297-37 (COR)

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*Buenas yan Håfa Adai!*

Please join us for the presentation of **Resolution No. 297-37 (COR) – Tina Rose Muña Barnes**. – “Relative to recognizing Bruce Best (*Brother Bruce*) for his forty (40) years of contributions to the annual “Operation Christmas Drop”; and commending him for his dedication to our island community through environmental stewardship and sustainable development.”

The presentation will take place on **Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 12:20 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Guam.**

*Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!*