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SPEAKER ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO LEGISLATIVE SESSION HALL

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**NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES**

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* IS CALLED TO ORDER MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** GOOD MORNING *BUENAS* SPEAKER AND COLLEAGUES I MOVE TO ADOPT TODAY'S LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA DATED NOVEMBER 3RD 2023.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** A MOTION WAS MADE TO TO ADOPT THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA DATED NOVEMBER 3RD IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I ALSO MOVE TO DELAY LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEM TWO.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO DELAYING LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEM TWO SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** AND MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO WAIVE LEGISLATIVE OF SESSION AGENDA ITEM THREE RECOGNITION OF A RECIPIENT OF *I MILÅYAN MÅS TAKHILO' NA SAKRAFISU*.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO WAIVING ITEM NUMBER THREE SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO WAIVE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA ITEMS FOUR THROUGH SIX TO DELAY THEM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT SO DELAY ITEMS FOUR THROUGH SIX WHICH ARE THE *INIFRESI* AND SINGING OF THE GUAM AND NATIONAL HYMN IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** AND MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** MAJORITY LEADER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* I MOVE TO WAIVE LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS EIGHT THROUGH THIRTEEN CALL FOR APPROVAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS MESSAGES FROM *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN* REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES AN INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT THERE'S A MOTION TO WAIVE ITEMS EIGHT THROUGH THIRTEEN HOWEVER WE ARE GOING TO GO BACK TO ITEM NUMBER SEVEN WHICH IS ROLL CALL WE'LL FIRST TAKE A ROLL CALL CLERKS PLEASE TAKE ROLL CALL.

**SUBSTITUTE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BROWN SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR FISHER SENATOR LUJAN VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR TAITAGUE SPEAKER TERLAJE MADAM SPEAKER THERE IS A QUORUM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* CLERKS AND *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR BEING HERE THIS EARLY SO THAT WE CAN BEGIN OUR PROCEEDINGS MAJORITY LEADER YOU RECOGNIZED ON.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO EXCUSE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT FOR TODAY'S.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THE MOTION TO WAIVE I OH SORRY ON THE MOTION PLEASE PROCEED MAJORITY LEADER.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO EXCUSE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT FOR SESSION.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION TO EXCUSE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT FOR SESSION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO WAIVE LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS FIFTEEN THROUGH NINETEEN LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE CONSENT CALENDAR SECOND READING FILE CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY FILE AND BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ALL RIGHT THERE'S A MOTION TO WAIVE ITEMS THIRTEEN THROUGH NINETEEN.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** YES S *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** AND THERE WAS A MOTION TO WAIVE ITEMS EIGHT THROUGH THIRTEEN AS WELL.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** YES.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** SO ON BOTH OF THOSE MOTIONS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO APPEND RESOLUTION NUMBER 238-37 LS TO TODAY'S SESSION JOURNAL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** ON THAT MOTION TO APPEND RESOLUTION 238-37 LS TO THE JOURNAL IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER AND LASTLY I MOVE TO RESOLVE INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING THE STATE FUNERAL SERVICE FOR THE LATE HONORABLE JOAQUIN GUERRERO TOPASÑA FORMER MAYOR OF THE MUNICIPALITY *HÁGAT* AND TO ALLOW THE HONORED GUEST INTO THE SPEAKER ANTONIO R. UPINGCO LEGISLATIVE SESSION HALL.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** A MOTION WAS MADE TO RESOLVE INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING THE STATE FUNERAL SERVICE FOR THE LATE HONORABLE JOAQUIN GUERRERO TOPASÑA FORMER MAYOR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF *HÁGAT* AND TO ALLOW HONORED GUESTS INTO THE SPEAKER ANTONIO R. UPINGCO LEGISLATIVE SESSION HALL ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS TO THAT MOTION SEEING NO OBJECTIONS MOTION CARRIES WE WILL BE RECESSED WE WILL NOW RESOLVE INTO COMMITTEE OF THE HALL AND RECESS UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF THE STATE FUNERAL *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

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**NOTE RESOLVED INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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## 2023 (FIRST) REGULAR SESSION

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

SPEAKER ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO LEGISLATIVE SESSION HALL

NOVEMBER 3, 2023

#### NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES OVER THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* IS CALLED TO ORDER ON BEHALF OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR GOVERNOR HER LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR CHIEF JUSTICE MARAMAN THE MAYORS COUNCIL OF GUAM FORMER ELECTED LEADERS MEMBERS OF OUR CONSULATE CORPS REPRESENTATIVES FROM JOINT REGION MARIANAS AND ALL OF OUR HONORED GUESTS AND OF COURSE THE FAMILY WE ARE GOING TO TOLL THE BELLS IN HONOR AND WELCOME THE LATE HONORABLE JOAQUIN GUERRERO TOPASÑA FORMER MAYOR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF *HÅGAT* AND HIS FAMILY HE WILL BE ESCORTED FIRST BY GUAM'S PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS AND THEN THE MAYORS COUNCIL OF GUAM AND INTO THE SESSION HALL BY MEMBERS OF THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE PLEASE RISE FOR THE TOLLING OF THE BELLS PLEASE REMAIN STANDING AS WE BEGIN THE PRESENTATION OF COLORS BY THE GUAM PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS I CALL UPON MAX MAFNAS TO LEAD IN THE SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND THE SINGING OF THE GUAM HYMN.

**MAX MAFNAS:** O SAY CAN YOU SEE, BY THE DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT, WHAT SO PROUDLY WE HAIL'D AT THE TWILIGHT'S LAST GLEAMING, WHOSE BROAD STRIPES AND BRIGHT STARS THROUGH THE PERILOUS FIGHT O'ER THE RAMPARTS WE WATCH'D WERE SO GALLANTLY STREAMING AND THE ROCKET'S RED GLARE, THE BOMBS BURSTING IN AIR, GAVE PROOF THROUGH THE NIGHT THAT OUR FLAG WAS STILL THERE, O SAY DOES THAT STAR-SPANGLED BANNER YET WAVE O'ER THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE.

*FANOHGE CHAMORRO PUT I TANO' TA KANTA I MATUNA-NA GI TODU I LUGAT PARA I ONRA, PARA I GLORIA ABIBA I ISLA SINPARAT. PARA I ONRA, PARA I GLORIA ABIBA I ISLA SINPARAT. TODU I TIEMPO I PAS PARA HITA YAN GINEN I LANGET NA BENDISION KONTRA I PILIGRU NA'FANSAFO HAM YU'OS PRUTEHI I ISLAN GUAMKONTRA I PILIGRU NA' FANSAFO HAM YU'OS PRUTEHI I ISLAN GUAM.*

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** FOR THE RECITATION OF *INIFRESI* WILL SENATOR ROY QUINATA KINDLY LEAD US.

**SENATOR QUINATA:** *GINEN I MÅS TAKHELO' GI HINASSO-KU, I MÅS TAKHALOM GI KURASON-HU, YAN I MÅS FIGO' NA NINA'SIÑÅ-HU, HU UFRESEN MAISA YU' PARA BAI HU PRUTEHI YAN HU DIFENDE I HINENGGE, I KOTTURA, I LENGGUÅHI, I AIRE, I HANOM, YAN I TANO' CHAMORU NI' IRENSIÅ-KU DIRECHO GINEN AS YU'OS TÅTA. ESTE HU AFITMA GI HILO' I BIPBLIA YAN I BANDERÅ-HU, I BANDERAN GUÅHAN.*

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** I CALL UPON FATHER JOSE ALBERTO RODRIGUEZ TO DELIVER THE INVOCATION.

**FATHER RODRIGUEZ:** IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS JESUS SAYS COME TO ME ALL YOU WHO LABOR AND ARE BURDEN AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU AND LEARN FROM ME FOR I I AM MEEK AND HUMBLE OF HEART AND YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOURSELF FOR MY YOKE IS EASY AND MY BURDEN LIGHT THE LORD IS OUR SHEPHERD AND LEADS US TO STREAMS OF LIVING WATER WITH GOD THAT IS MERCY AND FULLNESS OF REDEMPTION LET US PRAY AS JESUS TAUGHT US OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN HALLOWED BE THY NAME THY KINGDOM COME THY WILL WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL LET US PRAY GOD OF FAITHFULNESS IN YOUR WISDOM YOU HAVE CALLED YOUR SERVANT JOAQUIN GUERRERO TOPASÑA OUT OF THIS WORLD RELEASE HIM FROM THE BOUNDS OF SIN AND WELCOME HIM INTO YOUR PRESENCE SO THAT HE MAY ENJOY ETERNAL LIGHT AND PEACE AND BE RAISED UP IN GLORY WITH ALL YOUR SAINTS WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD AMEN.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** PLEASE BE SEATED NOW INVITE SENATOR AMANDA SHELTON LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY TO READ RESOLUTION NUMBER 238-37 LS.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** RESOLUTION NUMBER 238-37 LS INTRODUCED BY THERESE M. TERLAJE TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES CHRIS BARNETT FRANK BLAS, JR. CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS JESSE A. LUJAN WILLIAM A. PARKINSON SABINA FLORES PEREZ ROY A. B. QUINATA JOE S. SAN AUGUSTIN DWAYNE T.D. SAN NICOLAS AMANDA L. SHELTON TELO T. TAITAGUE THOMAS J. FISHER RELATIVE TO POSTHUMOUSLY RECOGNIZING THE LATE HONORABLE †JOAQUIN GUERRERO TOPASNA, FORMER MAYOR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HĀGAT, FOR HIS DEDICATION TO THE ISLAND AND PEOPLE OF GUAM, AND COMMEMORATING HIS LEGACY OF SERVICE; AND EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY ON HIS PASSING, ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUĀHAN* WHEREAS, THE LATE HONORABLE †JOAQUIN GUERRERO TOPASNA WAS BORN ON FEBRUARY 16, 1936, IN *TUTUJAN, SINAJANA*; HE IS THE MIDDLE SON OF THE LATE †JESUS AGUON TOPASNA AND †DOLORES TENORIO GUERRERO; AND HIS MATERNAL GRANDPARENTS ARE †IGNACIO LEON GUERRERO GUERRERO AND †ROSA DUENAS TENORIO (*FAMILIAN KORINCHO*); AND THE LATE †JOAQUIN TOPASNA GREW UP ALONG WITH HIS SIBLINGS JOSE, FRANCISCO, ANA, MARGARITA, ROSA, PEDRO, AND IGNACIO IN *TUTUJAN* DURING THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION; AND THE LATE †JOAQUIN TOPASNA'S FATHER JESUS AND TWO (2) OF HIS SIBLINGS, PEDRO AND IGNACIO, DID NOT SURVIVE THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION; AND SOMETIME AFTER THE LIBERATION OF GUAM IN WORLD WAR II, JOAQUIN'S MOTHER DOLORES GUERRERO TOPASNA MARRIED DAVID PANGELINAN, AND THE FAMILY REMAINED IN *TUTUJAN*; AND THE LATE †JOAQUIN TOPASNA WAS NOT ABLE TO COMPLETE HIS HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION, AND IN DECEMBER 1953, HE ENLISTED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS (USMC) AT THE AGE OF SEVENTEEN (17) AND WENT THROUGH HIS BASIC TRAINING AT THE MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA. IN JULY 1954, HE REPORTED TO THE WEAPONS COMPANY, SECOND (2ND) BATTALION, SEVENTH (7TH) MARINE REGIMENT, FIRST (1ST) MARINE DIVISION IN KOREA; AND IN JULY 1956, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE MARINE BARRACKS AT NAVAL BASE SUBIC BAY IN THE PHILIPPINES; AND IN 1957, THE LATE †JOAQUIN TOPASNA RETURNED HOME TO GUAM TO FINISH HIS REMAINING MILITARY OBLIGATION AND SEPARATED FROM THE U.S. MARINE CORPS WITH THE RANK OF LANCE CORPORAL. LATER THAT YEAR, HE MARRIED MARIA CARBULLIDO PINAULA OF *HĀGAT*, AND THEY LIVED IN *AGAÑA HEIGHTS* UNTIL THE ONSLAUGHT OF SUPER TYPHOON KAREN IN 1962, WHICH SEVERELY DAMAGED THEIR HOME. THEY MOVED TO *HĀGAT* IN 1963, WHERE THEY BUILT THEIR HOME AND RAISED TEN (10) CHILDREN - JESSE, KENNETH, FRANKLIN, MICHAEL, GEORGE, EDWARD, DAVID, GERALDINE, BARBARA, AND DOREEN; AND AFTER SERVING IN THE MILITARY, THE LATE †JOAQUIN TOPASNA WORKED AT THE U.S. NAVAL STATION PUBLIC WORKS CENTER (PWC), AND HE SOMETIMES WORKED AS A PART-TIME SECURITY GUARD. HE LATER WORKED AT THE U.S. NAVAL STATION SHIP REPAIR FACILITY (SRF) AND SERVED AS A FEDERAL CIVIL SERVANT FOR NEARLY THREE (3) DECADES; AND THE LATE †JOAQUIN TOPASNA WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY OF *HĀGAT*. HE COACHED THE *HĀGAT* ESSO AND *HĀGAT* TOWN HOUSE LITTLE LEAGUE TEAMS; AND IN 1971, HE WAS AN ASSISTANT COACH FOR THE GUAM LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM, REPRESENTING THE UNITED STATES AT THE FAR EAST TOURNAMENT IN TAIWAN; AND THE LATE †JOAQUIN TOPASNA WAS THE SCOUTMASTER FOR THE *HĀGAT* BOY SCOUT TROOP 30 AND SUPPORTED THE *HĀGAT* CUB SCOUT PACK; AND HE ALSO SUPPORTED THE MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH ALTAR BOYS PROGRAM, WITH SEVEN (7) OF HIS SONS SERVING IN THE PROGRAM. HE WAS A MOUNT CARMEL PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER FOR MANY YEARS, A MEMBER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, AND A VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (VFW) COMMANDER FOR POST NO. 2917; AND IN 1976, ANOTHER DISASTER, SUPER TYPHOON PAMELA, STRUCK GUAM; AND AGAIN HIS FAMILY LOST NEARLY EVERYTHING, BUT THE LATE †JOAQUIN TOPASNA DID NOT LET THIS SITUATION KEEP HIM DOWN, AND AFTER A SHORT STAY AT THE *HĀGAT* TEACHERS' HOUSING, HE AND HIS CHILDREN BUILT A TEMPORARY HOME USING RECYCLED WOOD AND CORRUGATED ROOFING MATERIALS UNTIL A NEW ONE WAS BUILT; AND IN 1978, THEY MOVED INTO THEIR NEW HOME THAT STILL STANDS TODAY; AND SERVING THE ISLAND AND THE PEOPLE OF GUAM FOR MANY YEARS WITH THE GUAM POLICE RESERVE, THE LATE †JOAQUIN TOPASNA RETIRED IN 1988 AS A MAJOR. AFTER HIS DEDICATED SERVICE WITH THE U.S. NAVY SRF, THE LATE HONORABLE †JOAQUIN TOPASNA PURSUED A CAREER IN GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS; AND IN 1993, HE WAS ELECTED TO SERVE AS THE VICE MAYOR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF *HĀGAT*; AND IN 1996, HE WAS ELECTED TO SERVE AS THE MAYOR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF *HĀGAT*, WHERE HE SERVED UNTIL 1997. IN 1995, HE PARTICIPATED IN THE U.S. NAVAL BASE SHIP REPAIR FACILITY BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE (BRAC) PROCESS. AFTER HIS TENURE AS VICE MAYOR AND MAYOR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF *HĀGAT*, HE RETIRED FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM IN 2002; AND IN 2006, THE LATE †JOAQUIN TOPASNA LOST HIS WIFE OF FORTY-NINE (49) YEARS, MARIA CARBULLIDO PINAULA; AND BESIDES THEIR TEN (10) CHILDREN, THEY WERE BLESSED WITH FORTY-NINE (49) GRANDCHILDREN, EIGHTY-FIVE (85)

GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN, AND ELEVEN (11) GREAT-GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN; AND IN 2018, THE LATE HONORABLE †JOAQUIN TOPASNA MARRIED GEMMALYN BICOS, AND THEY HAVE A SON, JOKIN TOPASNA, AND A STEPSON, GABRIEL MEMPIN; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* DOES HEREBY, ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM, POSTHUMOUSLY RECOGNIZE THE LATE HONORABLE †JOAQUIN GUERRERO TOPASNA, FORMER MAYOR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF *HÁGAT*, FOR HIS DEDICATION TO THE ISLAND AND PEOPLE OF GUAM, AND COMMEMORATE HIS LEGACY OF SERVICE; AND EXPRESS CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY ON HIS PASSING, ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM; AND BE IT FURTHER THAT THE SPEAKER CERTIFY, AND THE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY ATTEST TO, THE ADOPTION HEREOF, AND THAT COPIES OF THE SAME BE THEREAFTER TRANSMITTED TO GEMMALYN B. TOPASNA AND THE FAMILY OF THE LATE HONORABLE †JOAQUIN GUERRERO TOPASNA; AND TO THE HONORABLE LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO, *I MAGA'HÁGAN GUÁHAN*. DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** I WOULD NOW INVITE THE VICE SPEAKER TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES AND OUR LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY SENATOR AMANDA L. SHELTON AND MINORITY LEADER SENATOR FRANK BLAS, JR. TO JOIN ME IN PRESENTING RESOLUTION NUMBER 238-37 LS TO THE FAMILY.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** I NOW INVITE *I MAGA'HÁGA* LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO AND *SIGUNDO MAGA'LÁHI* JOSHUA F. TENORIO TO PRESENT THE GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** I WOULD ALSO INVITE *I MAGA'HÁGA* AND THE ASSOCIATE JUSTICE KATHERINE A. MARAMAN TO JOIN ME IN PRESENTING THE OFFICIAL WREATH OF GUAM.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** I NOW INVITE MAYOR LOUISE C. RIVERA SECRETARY TO THE MAYORS COUNCIL OF GUAM AND MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF *TAMUNING* TO PRESENT THE MAYORAL WREATH AND THE MAYORAL CERTIFICATE.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** I WOULD NOW CALL UPON JESSE TOPASÑA TO DELIVER THE EULOGY.

**JESSE TOPASÑA:** GOOD MORNING AND *HÁFA ADAI* GOVERNOR LEON GUERRERO LT. GOVERNOR TENORIO SPEAKER TERLAJE ASSOCIATE JUSTICE MARAMAN SENATORS JUDGES DISTINGUISHED GUESTS FATHER FAMILY AND FRIENDS ON BEHALF OF THE TOPASÑA FAMILY THANK YOU FOR COMING TOGETHER IN THIS CHAMBER TO REMEMBER AND HONOR OUR LATE FATHER JOAQUIN GUERRERO TOPASÑA I WOULD NOT WANT TO REPEAT EVERYTHING THAT WAS READ EARLIER BUT ALLOW ME TO READ VERSES IN 2 SAMUEL 7:14-15 I WILL BE A FATHER TO HIM AND HE WILL BE A SON TO ME WHEN HE DOES WRONG I WILL DISCIPLINE HIM IN THE USUAL WAY THE PITFALLS AND OBSTACLES OF THIS MORTAL LIFE BUT I'LL NEVER REMOVE MY GRACIOUS LOVE FOR HIM AS YOU KNOW MY FATHER WAS BORN PRIOR TO THE JAPANESE INVASION AND OCCUPATION MY GRANDFATHER AND MY GRANDMOTHER WERE HUMBLE PEOPLE HE WAS A FARMER AND SHE WAS A LAUNDRESS BUT THEY RAISED LOVING FAMILY KNOWING MY FATHER AS A YOUNG BOY HE WAS ENERGETIC AND MISCHIEVOUS HE WAS 5 YEARS OLD DURING THE INVASION AND OCCUPATION AND I'M SURE HE WAS A HANDFUL TO MY GRANDPARENTS AS WELL AS HIS OLDER SIBLINGS BECAUSE HE WAS TOO YOUNG TO WORK IN THE FIELDS DO ANY OTHER LABOR DETAILS OR ATTEND A JAPANESE SCHOOL SO SOMEONE HAS TO KEEP HIM OUT OF TROUBLE HIS FATHER DIED FROM THE MIL MILITARY ACTIONS BETWEEN THE JAPANESE AND THE US FORCES DOING THE LIBERATION AFTER THE LIBERATION AND DAD FACED CHALLENGES BETWEEN ATTENDING SCHOOL AND FINDING WORK TO HELP THE FAMILY SINCE HE IS ONE OF TWO BOYS IN THE FAMILY AS YOU KNOW HE ENLISTED IN MARINE CORPS PROUD TO BE IN THE MARINE CORPS I RECALL GROWING UP WHEN HE WAS WORKING AT AS A PART-TIME SECURITY GUARD FOR THE GATE WITH THE MARINES AND THE NAVY AND YOU HAVE ALL HIS BOYS COME TOGETHER AND SHINE SHOES BUT NONE OF US CAN MATCH HIS SKILL IN SHINING SHOES THAT'S ONLY BUILT IN INGRAINED IN A MARINE WHEN HE WAS WE HAVE PICTURES OF HIM WHEN HE WAS ASSIGNED TO SUBIC BAY THERE HE WAS ALSO A SENTINEL AT THE A SENTRY AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE NAVAL BASE WHEN HE SEPARATED FROM THE MARINE CORPS IN 1957 HE WAS AWARDED THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL THE UNITED NATIONS SERVICE MEDAL AND THE KOREAN SERVICE MEDAL AFTER TYPHOON KAREN WE DECIDE TO THEY DECIDE TO MOVE TO AGAT MY FATHER NEVER COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL BECAUSE OF THE WAY THE HIGH THE SCHOOLING SYSTEM BACK THEN THAT YOU CAN ONLY ACHIEVE EIGHTH GRADE DURING THAT TIME SO HE STRUGGLED TO BUILD THE HOME AND WHATEVER BOYS THAT HE HAS THAT ARE ABLE BODY WE WORK WITH TRY TO BUILD UP OUR HOME USING WOOD 2X4S ANYTHING HE CAN FIND HE DIDN'T HAVE THE RESOURCES LIKE WE HAVE NOWADAYS THE LIVING ROOM WE MADE MADE OUT OF PLYWOOD THE BED ROOMS WILL HAVE 2X6 IS 2X 12 WITH GAPS IN

BETWEEN SO THE AIR CAN COME UP AND COOL THE HOUSE AND THEN TYPHOON PAMELA SHOWED UP AND RIP ALL THAT DOWN AND START ALL OVER AGAIN MY DAD WAS PROUD OF WORKING WITH THE SRF WHEN HE WAS THERE AS A JOURNEYMAN HE LIKES TO SAY THAT HE'S AN OPTICAL ENGINEER BUT HE WORKS WITH OPTICS WITH THE ENGINEERS IN 1970 I RECALL WHEN IN THE 70S HE USED TO BRING ALL THESE BOYS DOWN TO THE DRY DOCK DOWN AT NAVAL STATION TO GO FISHING FOR *ATULAI* AND SOMETIMES RED SNAPPER AND SKIP JET THAT WILL ALWAYS BE OF OUR FAVORITE ACTIVITIES IN THE WEEKEND THEN AS WE GOT OLDER HE WILL WAKE US UP EARLY IN THE MORNING AND WE START CHASING THE *MAÑAHAK* SCHOOLS OUT THERE AND THE *ATULAI* USING THE *TUNTOT* HE ALWAYS HAVE HIS SQUAD RIGHT BEHIND HIM AND LIKE THEY SAID EARLIER HE WILL VOLUNTOLD US TO BE ALTAR BOYS AT THE CHURCH AND THE PRIEST THAT I WORK AS AN ALTAR BOY WAS FATHER SIG WHEN HE COACHED THE LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM THAT WENT TO TO THE FAR EAST TOURNAMENT I WAS MEMBER OF THAT TEAM WHEN HE'S A SCOUT MASTER EVERYBODY THINKS THAT HIS TROOP WAS A A MILITARY COMPANY BECAUSE HE'LL MARCH HIM LIKE A A MARINE CORPS DRILL SERGEANT AND THE LASTING REMEMBRANCE I HAVE OUT OF BEING IN SCOUTS WITH HIM WAS WHEN WE HAD TO DO THE 50 MILE ROAD MARCH FROM *AGAT* ALL THE WAY TO THE NORTHERN PART OF THE ISLAND AS I GREW IN THE MILITARY AND I WAS REFLECTING ON WRITING THIS IT REMINDED ME WHEN I WAS PARTICIPATING IN THE BATON DEATH MARCH IN NEW MEXICO TO TO COMMEMORATE THE BATON DEATH MARCH I FELT THAT I WAS DOING THE BATON DEATH MARCH WITH THE BOY SCOUTS BACK THEN THEN HE WAS VERY PROUD OF BEING PART OF THE VFW TRYING TO WORK ALL THE THE WORLD WAR II PARKS AND EVERY UH OUT THERE AND HE'S ALWAYS LOVING TO WEAR HIS KOREAN VETERAN HAT YOU'LL NEVER SEE HIM THE LAST 10 15 YEARS WITHOUT THAT HAT IN PUBLIC THEN HE IS VERY PROUD OF BE IN THE POLICE RESERVE MY DAD IS KIND OF PHOTOGENIC WHEN HE WEARS A UNIFORM HE GIVES IT HONOR WHEN HE WEARS THE UNIFORM WE HAD A PICTURE OF HIM IN SUBIC BAY BEING INSPECTED BY A THREE STAR MARINE GENERAL AND THE GENERAL'S HAND WAS GETTING READY TO GRAB THAT M1 GRAND OFF HIS HANDS I DON'T KNOW HOW THAT PICTURE HAPPENED GOT TAKEN AND HOW WE FOUND IT BUT WE HAVE IT SINCE MY FATHER NEVER COMPLETED HIGH SCHOOL HE STRONGLY BELIEVED IN A GOOD EDUCATION IS KEY TO SUCCESS HE'LL TELL US DO NOT QUIT SCHOOL KEEP TRYING UNTIL YOU ACHIEVE IT THAT RESONATED WITH HIS CHILDREN RESULTING IN HIS CHILDREN THEIR SPOUSES GRANDCHILD AND THEIR SPOUSES ACHIEVING MASTER'S DEGREE IN EDUCATION MASTER'S DEGREE IN NURSING BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMUNICATION NETWORKING NURSING COMPUTER SCIENCE CYBER SECURITY AND ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN LIBERAL ARTS OTHERS PURSUE VOCATIONAL DEGREES IN AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY CULINARY ART CERTIFIED NURSE ASSISTANT JUST TO MENTION A FEW LIKE WE SAID EARLIER 49 GRANDCHILDREN AND AND 85 GREAT GRANDCHILD I'M SURE THERE WILL BE MORE SKILLED PEOPLE COMING OUT OF THAT GENERATION MY FATHER IS A PATRIOT THOUGH HE ONLY SERVED FOUR YEARS IN THE MARINE CORPS HE LIVES THE SLOGAN OF THE MARINES ONCE A MARINE ALWAYS A MARINE THAT ALSO RESONATED TO HIS CHILDREN WITH EIGHT OF HIS CHILDREN AND THEIR SPOUSES THAT SERVE IN THE ARMED FORCES TEN GRANDCHILDREN AND THEIR SPOUSES SERVED OR CURRENTLY SERVING AS YOU KNOW HE WAS A VICE MAYOR AND A MAYOR HE SPENT HOURS OF HIS DAILY HIS LIFE TRYING TO WORK AND HELP EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY AND SINCE WE COME FROM A BIG EXTENDED FAMILY THE MAYOR AND THE VICE MAYOR ARE ALSO HIS NEPHEWS OR GRAND NEPHEWS IN VETERANS DAY IN 2006 HE RECEIVED AN HONORARY HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA THAT WAS SIGNED BY GOVERNOR FELIX CAMACHO FOR A LIFETIME OF LEARNING ACHIEVEMENT AND HAS ENRICHED OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR COUNTRY HE WELCOME HIS SON JOKIN IN 2012 IN 2016 WE MANAGED TO BRING OUR FATHER TO THE MAINLAND TO VISIT HIS OTHER KIDS AND MY BROTHER GEORGE MANAGED TO TAKE HIM TO WASHINGTON, D.C. TO VISIT THE MARINE CORPS WAR MEMORIAL AND HE MET OTHER KOREAN WAR VETERANS WHEN HE RETURNED HOME HE TOLD ME THAT VISITING THE MARINE CORPS MEMORIAL AND MEETING OTHER VETERANS WAS ONE OF HIS PROUDEST MOMENT FOR OVER 50 YEARS MY FATHER ENGAGED IN COUNTLESS COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS AND PROJECTS IS A STEADFAST CIVIL SERVANT HE'S A STAUNCH PUBLIC SERVANT BUT FOR 70 YEARS YOU ALWAYS BE A MARINE SEMPER FI I'M PROUD TO BE YOUR SON *ADIOS SAINA-HU ASTA MANALI'E' HIT TA'LO* THANK YOU.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** I WOULD NOW INVITE *I MAGA'HAGA* THE CHIEF THE JUSTICE MARAMAN MEMBERS OF *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN* AND ALL OF OUR HONORED GUESTS TO BID FAREWELL TO THE LATE HONORABLE JOAQUIN GUERRERO TOPASÑA FORMER MAYOR OF THE MUNICIPALITY *HAGAT* I NOW CALL UPON FATHER JOSE ALBERTO RODRIGUEZ TO DELIVER THE BENEDICTION PLEASE RISE.

**FATHER RODRIGUEZ:** BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HAVE DIED IN THE LORD LET THEM REST FROM THEIR LABORS FOR THEIR GOOD DEEDS GO WITH THEM ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO JOAQUIN O LORD MAY HE REST IN PEACE

MAY HIS SOUL AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD REST IN PEACE  
MAY THE PEACE OF GOD WHICH IS BEYOND ALL UNDERSTANDING KEEP YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS IN THE  
KNOWLEDGE AND LOVE OF GOD AND OF HIS SON OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST MAY ALMIGHTY GOD BLESS YOU THE  
FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT GO IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST AMEN THANKS BE TO GOD.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** PLEASE BE SEATED FOR A MOMENT MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE  
RECOGNIZED.

**SENATOR SHELTON:** *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO RISE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
AND ADJOURN TODAY'S SESSION SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE SPEAKER.

**SPEAKER TERLAJE:** THERE'S A MOTION TO RISE AND ADJOURN SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE SPEAKER IS THERE  
ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE ARE HEREBY ADJOURNED PLEASE RISE AND THANK  
YOU ALL FOR YOUR PRESENCE HERE TODAY.

**END**



# IN HONOR AND MEMORIAM



*Joaquin Guerrero Topasña*

FORMER MAYOR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HĀGAT

FEBRUARY 3, 1936 - OCTOBER 14, 2023

**State Memorial Service**

10:00 a.m. • Friday, November 3, 2023

Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Hall, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*

STATE MEMORIAL SERVICE  
for the late

HONORABLE JOAQUIN GUERRERO TOPASÑA  
FORMER MAYOR OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF *HĀGAT*

10:00 a.m. Call to Order

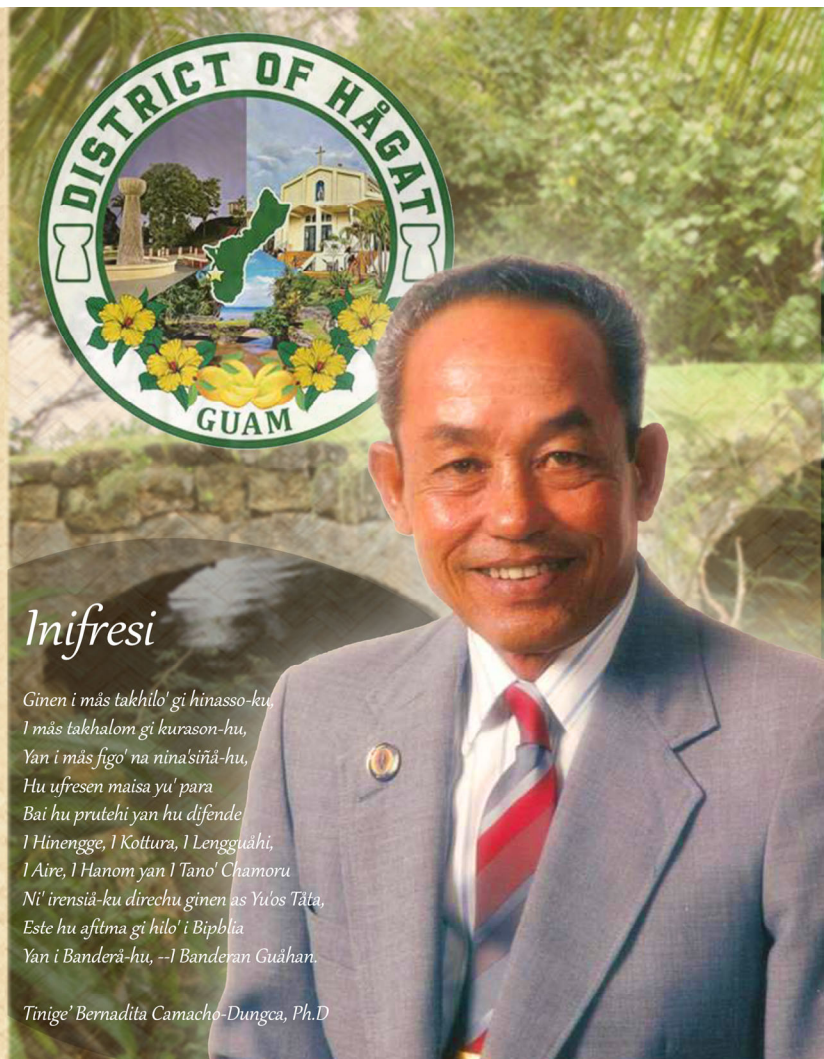
Presentation of Colors	Guam Public Safety Officers
National Anthem and Guam Hymn	Max Mafnas
<i>Inifresi</i>	Senator Sabina Flores Perez
Invocation	Father Jose Alberto Rodriguez, Pastor of Our Lady of Mr. Carmel <i>Hāgat</i>
Reading of Resolution No. 238-37 (LS)	Senator Amanda L. Shelton, Legislative Secretary
Presentation of Legislative Resolution	Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes, Vice Speaker Senator Amanda L. Shelton, Legislative Secretary Senator Frank Blas, Jr., Minority Leader
Presentation of Governor's Proclamation	<i>Maga'hāga</i> Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero <i>Sigundo Maga'lāhi</i> Joshua F. Tenorio
Presentation of Official Wreath of Guam	Speaker Therese M. Terlaje <i>Maga'hāga</i> Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero Associate Justice Katherine A. Maraman
Presentation of Mayoral Wreath and Mayoral Certificate	Mayor Louise C. Rivera, Mayor of Tamuning and Secretary of the Mayors Council of Guam
Eulogy	Jesse Topasña
Final Respects	Speaker, <i>Maga'hāga</i> , Associate Justice, Members of <i>I Mina'trentai Siette na Liheslaturan Guåhan</i> , Podium and Honored Guests
Benediction	Father Jose Alberto Rodriguez, Pastor of Our Lady of Mr. Carmel <i>Hāgat</i>
Motion to Adjourn	Senator Amanda L. Shelton, Majority Leader
Recessional	



*Inifresi*

*Ginen i mās takhilo' gi hinasso-ku,  
I mās takhalom gi kurason-hu,  
Yan i mās figo' na nīna'siñā-hu,  
Hu yfresen maisa yu' para  
Bai hu prutehi yan hu difende  
I Hinengge, I Kottura, I Lengguāhi,  
I Aire, I Hanom yan I Tano' Chamoru  
Ni' irensiā-ku direchu ginen as Yu'os Tāta,  
Este hu afitma gi hilo' i Biplia  
Yan i Banderā-hu, --I Banderan Guåhan.*

*Tinige' Bernadita Camacho-Dungca, Ph.D*





Resolution No. 28-57 (15)

Introduced by  
Theresa M. Telaje  
Yan Rose Marie Hanes  
Chen Hsu  
Franklin M. Doolittle  
James A. Lujan  
William A. Peltason  
John H. Peltason  
Ray A. Peltason  
Jodi A. San Agustin  
Cynthia T. San Agustin  
Amara L. Hanes  
Celia T. Peltason  
Theresa M. Telaje  
James Hanes



Relative to posthumously recognizing the late Honorable Joaquin Guerrero Topasna, former Mayor of the Municipality of Hagåt, for his dedication to the island and people of Guam, and commemorating his legacy of service; and expressing condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam.

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

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Joaquin Guerrero Topasna was born on February 16, 1936, in Tuguegarao, Cagayan, he is the middle son of the late Honor Agustin Topasna and Dolores Tenorio Guerrero, and his maternal grandparents are Hagåt Leon Guerrero Guerrero and Rosa Dolores Tenorio (Ganjar Kanak); and

WHEREAS, the late Joaquin Topasna grew up along with his siblings Jose, Francisco, Ana, Margarita, Rosa, Pablo, and Ignacio in Tuguegarao during the Japanese occupation; and

WHEREAS, the late Joaquin Topasna's father Jose and two (2) of his siblings, Pablo and Ignacio, did not survive the Japanese occupation; and sometime after the Liberation of Guam in World War II, Joaquin's mother Dolores Guerrero married David Pangloss, and the family remained in Tuguegarao; and

WHEREAS, the late Joaquin Topasna was not able to complete his high school education; and in December 1953, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps (USMC) at the age of seventeen (17) and went through his basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, California. In July 1954, he reported to the Weapons Company, Second (Inf) Battalion, Seventh (th) Marine Regiment, First (th) Marine Division in Korea; and in July 1956, he was assigned to the Marine Barracks at Naval Base Subic Bay in the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, in 1957, the late Joaquin Topasna returned home to Guam to finish his remaining military obligation and separated from the U.S. Marine Corps with the rank of Lance Corporal. Later that year, he married Maria Carballido Pinalda of Hagåt, and they lived in Hagåt until the onslaught of Super Typhoon Karen in 1962, which severely damaged their home. They moved to Hagåt in 1963, where they built their home and raised ten (10) children - Jesse, Kenneth, Franklin, Michael, George, Edward, David, Geraldine, Barbara, and Doreen; and

WHEREAS, after serving in the military, the late Joaquin Topasna worked at the U.S. Naval Station Public Works Center (PWC), and he sometimes worked as a part-time security guard. He later worked at the U.S. Naval Station Ship Repair Facility (SRF) and served as a federal civil servant for nearly three (3) decades; and

WHEREAS, the late Joaquin Topasna was an active member of the community of Hagåt. He coached the Hagåt Boys and Hagåt Girls Boys Little League teams; and in 1971, he was an Assistant Coach for the Guam Little League Championship Team, representing the United States at the Far East Tournament in Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, the late Joaquin Topasna was the Scoutmaster for the Hagåt Boy Scout Troop 30 and supported the Hagåt Cub Scout pack; and he also supported the Mount Carmel Church Altar Boys program, with seven (7) of his sons serving in the program. He was a Mount Carmel Parish Council member for many years; a member of the Knights of Columbus; and a Volunteer of Foreign Wars (VFW) Commander for Post No. 2917; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, another disaster, Super Typhoon Pamela, struck Guam; and upon his family lost nearly everything, but the late Joaquin Topasna did not let this mission keep him down; and after a short stay at the Hagåt teachers' housing, he and his children built a temporary home using recycled wood and corrugated roofing materials until a new one was built; and in 1978, they moved into their new home that still stands today; and

WHEREAS, serving the island and the people of Guam for many years with the Guam Police Reserve, the late Joaquin Topasna retired in 1988 as a Major. After his dedicated service with the U.S. Navy SRF, the late Honorable Joaquin Topasna pursued a career in government and politics; and in 1993, he was elected to serve as the Vice Mayor of the Municipality of Hagåt; and in 1996, he was elected to serve as the Mayor of the Municipality of Hagåt, where he served until 1997. In 1999, he participated in the U.S. Naval Base Ship Repair Facility Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process. After his tenure as Vice Mayor and Mayor of the Municipality of Hagåt, he retired from the Government of Guam in 2002; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the late Joaquin Topasna lost his wife of forty-nine (49) years, Maria Carballido Pinalda; and besides their ten (10) children, they were blessed with forty-nine (49) grandchildren, eighty-five (85) great-grandchildren, and eleven (11) great-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the late Honorable Joaquin Topasna married Gemmalyn Bicos, and they have a son, John Topasna, and a stepson, Gabriel Mampin; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I Minutrentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, posthumously recognize the late Honorable Joaquin Guerrero Topasna, former Mayor of the Municipality of Hagåt, for his dedication to the island and people of Guam, and commemorate his legacy of service; and express condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam; 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 therewith transmitted to Gemmalyn B. Topasna and the family of the late Honorable Joaquin Guerrero Topasna; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Hagåt Hagåt Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2023.

Theresa M. Telaje  
THERESA M. TELAJE  
Speaker

Amara L. Hanes  
AMARA L. HANES  
Legislative Secretary



UTISINAN I MAGATAGA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO  
MAGA YAGAN I GUERRERO



JOSHUA F. TENORIO  
SEGUNDO MAGA YAGAN I GUERRERO

HAGATNA, GUAM

PROCLAMATION 2023-05

*A Proclamation of the Governor*

**PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 3, 2023, RECOGNIZING THE LATE HONORABLE JOAQUIN GUERRERO TOPASNA FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE AND THE ISLAND OF GUAM.**

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Joaquin Guerrero Topasna, originally from Tuguegarao, Cagayan, was born on February 16, 1936 to the late Jesus Agustin Topasna and Dolores Tenorio Guerrero. He married the late Maria Carballido Pinalda and had 10 children: Jesse, Kenneth, Franklin, Michael, George, Edward, David, Geraldine, Barbara, and Doreen. In 2018 he remarried to Gemmalyn Bicos and had a son, John Topasna, and a stepson, Gabriel Mampin. He was blessed with 49 grandchildren, 85 great-grandchildren, and 11 great-great-grandchildren;

WHEREAS, as a World War II survivor, the late Joaquin Topasna lost his father and two of his siblings: Pedro and Ignacio during the Japanese occupation of Guam;

WHEREAS, long after the war, in 1953, at the age of 17, he joined the United States Marine Corps (USMC) and completed his basic training in San Diego, California's Marine Corps Recruit Depot;

WHEREAS, in 1954, the late Joaquin Topasna became a part of the Weapons Company, Second Battalion, Seventh Marine Regiment, First Marine Division deployed in Korea. Two years later, in 1956, he was ordered to the Philippines as part of the Marine Barracks at Naval Base Subic Bay;

WHEREAS, the late Joaquin Topasna returned to the island of Guam in 1957 with the rank of Lance Corporal and lived with his wife, Maria, and their 10 children in the village of Hagåt after Super Typhoon Karen;

WHEREAS, since returning to the island, the late Joaquin Topasna continued his ties with the military and worked in the U.S. Naval Station Public Works Center, the U.S. Naval Station Ship Repair Facility (SRF) and was a federal civil servant for three decades;

WHEREAS, as a member of the island community, the late Joaquin Topasna served as the Scoutmaster for the Hagåt Boy Scout Troop 30 and was a part of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Commander for Post No. 2917. He was a strong advocate for the church as he was a supporter of the Mount Carmel Church Altar Boys program, a Mount Carmel Parish Council member, and a member of the Knights of Columbus;

WHEREAS, the late Joaquin Topasna's early service to the people was under the Guam Police Reserve where he retired as a Major in 1988;

WHEREAS, the late Joaquin Topasna then followed the path of politics and served as Vice Mayor of the Municipality of Hagåt in 1993, and from 1996 to 1997 he served as the Mayor of the Municipality of Hagåt. He retired from the Government of Guam in 2002; and

WHEREAS, the late Joaquin Topasna had a passion for public service and made many contributions to our island community and the Nation. As a community, we are eternally grateful and reflect on his life and service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO, *Maga Yagan Guåhan*, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, as amended, do hereby call upon the people of Guam to join us in recognizing the life and legacy of the late Honorable Joaquin Guerrero Topasna.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JOSHUA F. TENORIO, *Segundo Maga Yagan Guåhan*, Lieutenant Governor of Guam, hereby, together with the *Maga Yagan*, cause the Great Seal of Guam to be affixed in the Capital City of Hagåt, on this Third day of November in the Year of our Lord, *Anno Domini*, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.



Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero  
LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO  
Maga Yagan Guåhan  
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:

Joshua F. Tenorio  
JOSHUA F. TENORIO  
Segundo Maga Yagan Guåhan  
Lieutenant Governor of Guam



IN MEMORIAM  
OF THE LATE

*+Honorable Joaquin Guerrero Topasna*

FEBRUARY 16, 1956 - OCTOBER 14, 2023

FORMER MAYOR/VICE MAYOR OF HĀGAT  
JANUARY 1993 TO JANUARY 1997

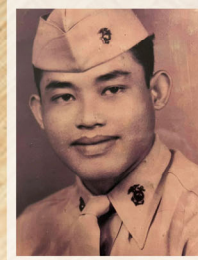
The Mayors' Council of Guam remembers the many acts of sacrifice and service of the late +Honorable Joaquin "KIN" G. Topasna as the Vice Mayor of Hāgat from January 4, 1995 to September 30, 1996 and then Mayor of Hāgat from October 1, 1996 to January 6, 1997. His love for sports especially for our youth, his love for working for our veterans, his love for his family and friends, are the hallmarks of his very being and for this we express to his family our deepest appreciation and gratitude for sharing such a wonderful public servant with the people of Guam. We also pay tribute to his distinguished service as a Volunteer for Guam's Police Reserve retiring as a Major on September 1, 1988. For all his service and good works as a public servant, the Mayors' Council of Guam we give our heartfelt thanks to his family for sharing him with us.

UN DĀNGKULO NA SI YU'OS MA'ASE!

Duly adopted this 3rd day of November, 2023

The Honorable Jesse L.G. Aliig  
President and Mayor of Piti

The Honorable Louise C. Rivera  
Secretary and Mayor of Tamuning







THERESE M. TERLAJE  
SPEAKER



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES  
VICE SPEAKER



AMANDA L. SHELTON  
LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY



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SABINA FLORES PEREZ



ROY A. B. QUINATA



WILLIAM A. PARKINSON



DWAYNE T.D. SAN NICOLAS



FRANK BLAS, JR.



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CHRISTOPHER M. DUENAS



JOANNE BROWN



JESSE A. LUJAN



THOMAS J. FISHER

