

I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
156-35 (COR)	Amanda L. Shelton Tina Rose Muña Barnes	Relative to recognizing the observance of "War Survivor Remembrance Day" on June 28, 2019, as part of the celebration of the Seventy-fifth (75th) Year Anniversary of Guam's Liberation, to pay tribute and commemorate all the survivors of Guam's wartime occupation for their tremendous courage and perseverance; and commending the Guam War Survivors Memorial Foundation for their dedication and service in perpetuating the stories and accounts of the hardships of all those affected during the Japanese occupation of Guam during World War II.	6/11/19 10:36 a.m.	6/28/19 9:30 a.m.	6/26/19 5:08 p.m.					

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN*:

WHEREAS, one of the most tragic and horrific events in our island's history occurred during World War II, from December 8, 1941 to August 10, 1944; and the atrocities that the enemy forces inflicted upon the people of Guam have left scars that will never heal. *CHamorro* were enslaved and forced to work for little to no compensation, and many families suffered the loss of personal property and their livelihoods. The rape of women was rampant, while children were unfairly robbed of their innocence. Thousands of *CHamorro* were subjected to physical abuse, detention, and torture, and more than a thousand residents were killed by the Japanese Imperial Army. The heinous acts that resulted in the deaths of many of our native inhabitants was truly tragic and traumatic; and in the end, the peaceful way of life that the *CHamorro* had and cherished before the war was lost forever; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 1945, the U.S. Congress passed Public Law 79-225, "The Meritorious Claims Act of 1945." The Act authorized the Secretary of the Navy to adjudicate and settle claims "for the purpose of granting immediate relief to the residents of Guam by the prompt settlement of meritorious claims." Although Guam had a surviving population of about twenty-one thousand (21,000) residents, only six thousand six hundred forty-six (6,646) claims were filed. This number was significantly lower than expected considering that almost every individual who was on Guam during the occupation was subjected to humiliation, beatings, and/or loss of property; and

WHEREAS, as Guam continues to fight for appropriate recognition of those who suffered during the war from the U.S. Congress, we must do everything we can here on Guam to honor the memories and the stories of those who endured permanent sufferings. The legacy and heritage of our war survivors, known as our *Greatest Generation*, should be recognized by all the people of Guam; and "War Survivor Remembrance Day" is an appropriate day to honor the war survivors who have gone before us, to celebrate the lives of those still with us, and to remind all future generations that they must never forget the *Greatest Generation* in our island's history; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2015, Guam Public Law 33-56 was enacted declaring that June 28 of each year be recognized as "War Survivor Remembrance Day." The date is important since it marks the day that President Harry S. Truman transmitted a request to the U.S. House of Representatives for consideration of an appropriation for the Navy Department to pay claims for death or personal injury to residents on Guam for suffering through the war, and in recognition of the *CHamorro* people who endured one of the most tragic and horrific enemy occupations; and

WHEREAS, to help ensure that the sacrifice and legacy of Guam's war survivors is truly perpetuated for years to come, the Guam War Survivors Memorial Foundation organizes events that cater to all age groups and walks of life. These events include a Memorial Mass that is held every year at the *Dulce Nombre de Maria* Cathedral Basilica and a concert series dedicated to the survivors of World War II, featuring the music from that era; and the Foundation has published books featuring the inspiring and heart-wrenching stories of survivors and their families; and

WHEREAS, the Guam War Survivors Memorial Foundation also developed a website that is dedicated to allowing survivors or their families with an outlet to share the hardships they faced during the Japanese Occupation. Before the website was created, former Senator Frank Blas Jr., President of the Guam War Survivors Memorial Foundation, his senatorial staff, their friends from Expressions Studio, and companies who wanted to help, started a weekly series in the Guam edition of the Marianas Variety newspaper called "Real People. Real Stories." They provided transcribed testimonies from the war survivors who spoke before the Guam War Claims Review Commission in December of 2003. "Real People. Real Stories" was created to educate the community about the horrendous experiences of the *CHamorro* people during the war and to remind the U.S. government of its obligation to compensate those who survived the war, and the heirs of those who were killed; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and the people of Guam, recognize the observance of "War Survivor Remembrance Day" on June 28, 2019, as part of the commemoration of the Seventy-fifth (75th) Year Anniversary of Guam's Liberation, to pay tribute and commemorate all the survivors of Guam's wartime occupation for their tremendous courage and perseverance; and commend the Guam War Survivors Memorial Foundation for their dedication and service in perpetuating the stories and accounts of the hardships of all those affected during the Japanese occupation of Guam during World War II; 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 former Senator Frank Blas Jr., President of the Guam War Survivors Memorial Foundation; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Magd'logan Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN* ON THE 26TH DAY OF JUNE 2019.


 TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
 Speaker


 RÉGINE BISGOE LEE
 Chairperson, Committee on Rules


 AMANDA L. SHELTON
 Legislative Secretary



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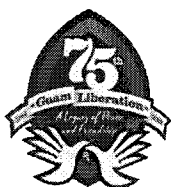
Buenas yan Hafa Adai!

Your presence is kindly requested at the presentation of **Resolution No. 156-35 (COR)** relative to honoring and commending all the survivors of Guam's Wartime occupation for their tremendous courage and perseverance through one of the most tragic and difficult times in our island's history; and to extending Un Dangkolo Na Is Yu'os Ma'ãse to the Guam War Survivors Memorial Foundation for their dedication and service to all those affected by this tragic event as we join them in celebrating "War Survivors Remembrance Day" on June 28, 2019 and our island's 75th Liberation anniversary.

The presentation will take place, **Friday, June 28, 2019** at ~~11:00~~ **9:30am** at the ~~Guam Museum,~~ **Hagatna Public Hearing Room, Guam Congress Building.**

We look forward to your attendance and participation.

Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ãse'



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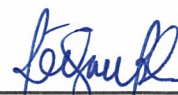
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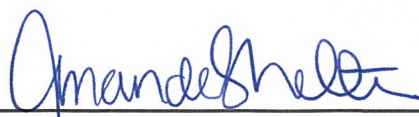
**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 26TH DAY
OF JUNE 2019.**



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Speaker



RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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Resolution No. 156-35 (COR) – Amanda L. Shelton – “Relative to recognizing the observance of “War Survivor Remembrance Day” on June 28, 2019, as part of the celebration of the Seventy-fifth (75th) Year Anniversary of Guam’s Liberation, to pay tribute and commemorate all the survivors of Guam’s wartime occupation for their tremendous courage and perseverance; and commending the Guam War Survivors Memorial Foundation for their dedication and service in perpetuating the stories and accounts of the hardships of all those affected during the Japanese occupation of Guam during World War II.”

	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN	To Place in Inactive File.
Senator Régine Biscoe Lee Chairperson	via e-vote	6/26/19	✓			
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Vice Chairperson	via e-vote	6/26/19	✓			
Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member	via e-vote	6/26/19	✓			
Vice-Speaker Telenia Cruz Nelson Member						
Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD Member	via e-vote	6/26/19	✓			
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Senator James C. Moylan Minority Member	via e-vote	6/26/19	✓			
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member	via e-vote	6/26/19	✓			

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Sponsor Signature: *Amanda Shelton*

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