

**I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
202-35 (COR)	Joe S. San Agustin	Relative to recognizing Saint Francis Catholic School on the commemoration of the Seventieth (70th) Year Anniversary of its founding; and commending the Saint Francis Catholic School community and the School Sisters of Notre Dame for seven (7) decades of devoted service and support to the Catholic faithful.	9/9/19 11:03 a.m.	9/15/19 10:30 a.m.	9/13/19 11:38 a.m.					

Resolution No. 202-35 (COR)

Introduced by:

William M. Castro	Silma Flores Perez
Regino Biscoe Lee	Clinton E. Ridgeff
Kelli Marsh, Taitano, PhD	Amanda E. Shelton
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN:

WHEREAS, in September 1949, Saint Francis Catholic School (SFCSS) opened its doors in *Yofia* for the first time to students on Guam with an enrollment of three hundred one (301). It was initially established as an elementary school upon the arrival of the first seven (7) School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) to Guam, and there were plans to add the higher grade levels; and

WHEREAS, Father Cyril Lanheim, OFM Capuchin, was the first administrator of the school, and Sister Mary Euehanta, SSND, was the first school principal, followed by many others from the same religious order; and

WHEREAS, the first school building was a Quonset hut structure that was located in the heart of the village of *Yofia* by the old baseball field to the west side of what is now known as José B. Sudo Street; and

WHEREAS, within a short period of time student enrollment increased, and the school was not able to accommodate new admissions. Expansion of the school or construction of a new schoolhouse was inevitable, and Father Alvin La Ferre, OFM, Cap., Father Camece Cartmell, OFM, Cap., and the people of *Yofia* embarked on a project to build a new schoolhouse that was valued at Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) but was built at a cost of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000). It was built behind Saint Francis Catholic Church with a beautiful view overlooking the Pacific Ocean, and it was dedicated on August 10, 1958; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the increased school enrollment and having a brand new school, more teachers had to be recruited, and twenty (20) more School Sisters of Notre Dame staffed the classrooms in the years 1958 to 1959; and financial and material resources to build this new schoolhouse came from many generous donations from members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the parishioners of *Yofia* gave everything they could, from money to building materials, and many parishioners provided hard labor at no cost to the school. The building of this schoolhouse was made possible by the following Saint Francis Catholic Church parishioners: *Tau* Ramon Baza, *Tau* Manuel Cruz, *Tau* Ignacio Mendiola, *Tau* Jose Sudo, *Tau* Enrique Leon Guerrero, Mr. Tony Hilton, heavy equipment operator, Mr. Bill O'Mallan, surveyor, Mr. Anderson, plumber, *Tau* Rosano Fustaquio (*Laib*), and the "Mothers of *Yofia*," under the leadership of Mrs. Mariana Lujan, painted the entire school and helped cook for all the happy labor crew; and

WHEREAS, local people from other villages and personnel from Naval Station Guam also helped in the construction of the school, the military Seabees donated much of the building materials, Father Alvin's friends from Detroit, Father Bruno of the Seraphic Mass Association, and Capuchin Superiors generously contributed funds towards the building of the school, and the project commenced on June 21, 1957, and the new schoolhouse was completed by June 1958; and

WHEREAS, generosity from other island residents poured in to assist in the project, to include: Mr. Ken Jones, Mr. Pete Sgro of Island Equipment, Mr. Frank Perez, Mr. Greg Perez, Mr. Pedro Martinez and his sons, Captain Roulett, Mr. Johnny O'Connor, Mr. Tom Casey, and many others who gave of their time, talent, construction materials, and monetary donations; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, Super typhoon Karen damaged twenty (20) of the classrooms, and other typhoons in the early 1990s also extensively damaged the school buildings. On December 16, 1997, Super typhoon Paka completely destroyed the schoolhouse, except for the administration building which was destroyed by a fire in November 1999, and about Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000) worth of contents were destroyed in this fire. Through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), funding was provided for a temporary school site and at the same time approved funding for permanent buildings; and

WHEREAS, in April 1999, less than two (2) months before summer vacation, students had to relocate again to where the *Yofia* school was built in 1949. Again, FEMA provided funding for a temporary school site which cost more than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), and the school paid more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) as its cost share. FEMA felt that it was overspending on the monthly rental, which was Seventy-eight Thousand Dollars (\$78,000), and the cost share for the school was Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$7,800) per month, which had a tremendous impact on the school's ability to save money. In time, the new and current campus was constructed, and includes a multi-purpose building, a state-of-the-art kitchen, a science lab, and a dining room; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Saint Francis Catholic School is to provide academic learning in a Christian environment; and the charisma of Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger, foundress of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, and the school's namesake, Saint Francis of Assisi, are integrated into the school curriculum; and

WHEREAS, SFCSS strives to shape its students to be contributing members of our island community, and through various academic programs, organizations, and activities, such as the National Junior Honor Society, the Student Council (STUCO), the Saint Francis Choir Ensemble, the Academic Challenge Bowl, Safe School Ambassadors, the Annual Spelling Bee, Young Authors/Illustrators and Storytellers, the Recycle Cans Project, the Annual Islandwide Science Fair, and various community-sponsored contests, students have gained the opportunity to grow with their individualized talents and skills giving them the support that is needed to become productive citizens and leaders on Guam or elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, during the commemoration of its establishment, SFCSS reflects on the school's history and expresses gratitude to those who continue to believe in the values of Saint Francis of Assisi and the goals of Catholic School Education; and a celebratory Mass and special activities are scheduled to take place for the Seventieth (70th) Year Anniversary of the establishment of SFCSS, and our island community will join the school in this time-honored event to celebrate academic excellence, service to our community, and continued devotion to the Catholic faith; now therefore, be it


RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of *Liheslaturan Guahan* and the people of Guam, recognize Saint Francis Catholic School on the commemoration of the Seventieth (70th) Year Anniversary of its founding; and commend the Saint Francis Catholic School community and the School Sisters of Notre Dame for seven (7) decades of devoted service and support to the Catholic faithful; 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 Saint Francis Catholic School, to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Magsajagan Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE 13TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2019.


 KELLY MARSH (TAITANO), PhD
 Acting Speaker


 REGINO BISCOE LEE
 Chairperson, Committee on Rules


 REGINO BISCOE LEE
 Acting Legislative Secretary


 13 Sept 19



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From: Rose Mesa <rose.senatorsa@gmail.com>
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To: phnotice@guamlegislature.org
Cc: Management Information System; Tom Unsiog; Joe San Agustin
Subject: Presentation of Resolution No. 202-35 (COR) "Seventieth (70th) Year Anniversary"

13 September 2019

MEMORANDUM

To: ALL HONORABLE SENATORS and MEDIA

From: Senator Joe S. San Agustin

Subject: Presentation of Resolution No. 202-35 (COR) "Seventieth (70th) Year Anniversary"

Buenas yan Hâfa Adai!

Your presence is kindly requested at the Presentation of Resolution No. 202-35 (COR) Relative to recognizing Saint Francis Catholic School on the commemoration of the Seventieth (70th) Year Anniversary of its founding; and commending the Saint Francis Catholic School community and the School Sisters of Notre Dame for seven (7) decades of devoted service and support to the Catholic faithful.

Presentation will take place on **Sunday, September 15, 2019 @ 10:30 at St. Francis Catholic Church, Yona, Guam.** We look forward to your participation and attendance.

Un Dângkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'âse'

Very Respectfully,

RoseMarie T. Mesa
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I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2019 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 202-35 (COR)

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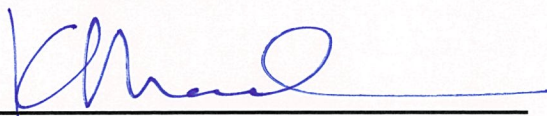
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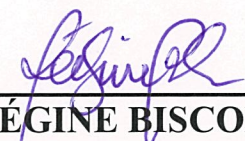
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11 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 13TH OF
SEPTEMBER 2019.**



KELLY MARSH (TAITANO), PhD
Acting Speaker



RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Acting Legislative Secretary

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Senator Mary Camacho Torres
Member and Chair, Subcommittee on Protoc

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I MINA 'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
35TH GUAM LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Resolution No. 202-35 (COR) – Joe S. San Agustin. – “Relative to recognizing Saint Francis Catholic School on the commemoration of the Seventieth (70th) Year Anniversary of its founding; and commending the Saint Francis Catholic School community and the School Sisters of Notre Dame for seven (7) decades of devoted service and support to the Catholic faithful.”

	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Régine Biscoe Lee Chair					
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Vice Chair	<i>ewal</i>	13 Sep 19	✓		
Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member	<i>ewal</i>	13 Sep 19	✓		
Vice-Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson Member					
Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD Member					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Member	<i>ewal</i> 13 Sept 19	13 Sep 19	✓		
Senator Clynton E. Ridgell Member					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	<i>JA</i>	13 Sep 19	✓		
Senator Jose "Pedro" Terlaje Member	<i>ewal</i>	13 Sep 19	✓		
Senator Therese M. Terlaje Member	<i>ewal</i>	13 Sep 19	✓		
Senator James C. Moylan Minority Member	<i>ewal</i>	13 Sep 19	✓		
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member	<i>ewal</i>	13 Sep 19	✓		

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Sponsor Signature: *JA*
Staff Contact Person: *Rose Muña*

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8 Certified _____ Returned _____
Name: Kamryn Nelson
Date: 9/16/19
Notes: _____

