

**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
317-35 (LS)	Therese M. Terlaje	Relative to recognizing <i>Tan Rosario</i> "Charo" Flores Leon Guerrero on the celebration of one hundred (100) years of longevity; and commemorating her as one of Guam's centenarians.	3/10/20 2:18 p.m.	3/15/20 3:00 p.m.	3/10/20					

Resolution No. 317-35 (LS)

Introduced by:

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

WHEREAS, centenarian Rosario "Charo" Flores (*familian Cabesa*) Leon Guerrero, (*familian Ziolo*), fondly known as *Tan Rosario*, was born on March 14, 1920. *Tan Rosario* is the daughter of \ddot{S} usanna Lujan Garcia and \ddot{I} gnacio Guerrero Flores, and is the second (2nd) eldest child of eight (8) other siblings: Ignacio, Joaquin, Francisco, Maria, Beatrice, David, George, and Ana; and

WHEREAS, on July 6, 1942, *Tan Rosario* married the late \ddot{I} pedro Baza Leon Guerrero, who served as a Senator in the First (1st) and the Third (3rd) Guam Congress in post-World War II Guam, and they have seven (7) children: Rosie L.G. Sgambelluri, Hilda L.G. Duncan, Lola L.G. Paulino (a Carmelite Sister), Mary Rosario, Priscilla L.G. Manibusan, Josephine L.G. Santos, and Peter F. Leon Guerrero; and is also blessed with eighteen (18) grandchildren, twenty-one (21) great-grandchildren, and two (2) great-great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, *Tan Rosario* was twenty-one (21) years old when Japan invaded Guam on December 8, 1941 during World War II. Her eldest daughter, Rosie, was born during the Japanese occupation in 1943, and she stayed with *Tan Rosario* at their family ranch, while her husband joined other *Chamoras* who were forced to clear a landing field for Japanese warplanes; and it was at *Tan Rosario's* family ranch where passersby were given food, shelter and respite while they exchanged information and experiences of the war; and

WHEREAS, in 1944, *Tan Rosario* experienced the brutality of war, having witnessed the beating and beheading of her close and dear friend, Father Jesus Baza Dueñas, who had introduced her to his cousin Pedro, whom she married; and she had witnessed many other atrocities while being forced to march on a two (2)-day trek through the jungles and hills from *Yigo* to *Maimai*, then to *Manenggon*, while she was eight (8) months pregnant with her second (2nd) child, Hilda; and

WHEREAS, *Tan Rosario* credits her strength and survival during WWII to the compassion of family and friends, and to the grace of God; and *Tan Rosario* courageously shares her story so that her children will not only know her and their history, but that the courage and strength she found during a time of great adversity would live in them to carry them through the adversities in their own lives; and

WHEREAS, at the end of the Japanese occupation of Guam, *Tan Rosario* and *Tan Pedro* worked to successfully pick up the pieces of their lives and contribute to the restoration of their community; during his lifetime, *Tan Pedro* taught classes at schools; he was a Principal at three (3) schools; he worked as the Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity in the 1950s; he worked for Land Management; and eventually, he served as a Senator in the First (1st) and Third (3rd) Guam Congresses; and

WHEREAS, in 1951, *Tan Rosario* ran a successful home business as a school cafeteria vendor, serving daily lunch to the elderly and to thousands of children at the *Sinajaña* Elementary School; and she was one of the first local business owners operating a neighborhood store, *Tan Rosario's* Store, for over twenty-one (21) years, from 1951 to 1971; and *Tan Rosario* was a kindhearted and civically-minded business owner, regularly providing free meals at her store, at the school, to homes in her neighborhood, and to the *manimko's* and children who couldn't afford to purchase meals - especially those women and children without fathers in the home, and she was able to invest in several real estate developments; and all the while, she still fulfilled her duties as a homemaker from 1942 to the present; and

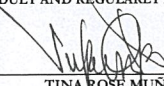
WHEREAS, *Tan Rosario* has been active in several religious organizations that serve the community, such as being a Guam Cursillista (1942 to 1956), a member of the Christian Mothers of Guam (1956 to 2015), and serving as a member of the Third Order - Franciscan (1998 to the present); and

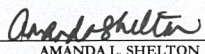
WHEREAS, so far, in her one hundred (100) years of life, *Tan Rosario* remains a resilient, courageous and faithful woman, a member of Guam's *Greatest Generation* who survived the perils of the Japanese occupation of Guam and went on to become a successful business woman who was a steadfast supporter in the rebuilding of the post-war island community through the nourishment of her communities, the *manimko's* and generations of children; and as a loving wife and mother who raised seven (7) children and was blessed with eighteen (18) grandchildren, twenty-one (21) great grandchildren and two (2) great-great grandchildren, she was also a staunch promoter of the spiritual welfare and core values of her people; and on March 14, 2020, *Tan Rosario* "Charo" Flores Leon Guerrero celebrated the occasion of her one hundredth (100th) birthday; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that *I Mina Trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize *Tan Rosario* "Charo" Flores Leon Guerrero on the celebration of one hundred (100) years of longevity; and commemorate her as one of Guam's centenarians; 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 *Tan Rosario* "Charo" Flores Leon Guerrero; to the Honorable Robert R.C. Hoffman, Mayor of *Sinajaña*; to the Honorable Jessy C. Gogue, Mayor of *Chalan Pago*; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 10TH DAY OF MARCH 2020.


TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Speaker


AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



 3/13/20



SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE

Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land and Justice
I Mina' trentai Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan
35th Guam Legislature

March 12, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators and Media

From: Senator Therese M. Terlaje 

Subject: **Presentation of Resolution No. 317-35 (LS)**

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join us in presenting **Resolution No. 317-35 (LS)**– Therese M. Terlaje- “Relative to recognizing Tan Rosario “Charo” Flores Leon Guerrero on the celebration of one hundred (100) years of longevity; and commemorating her as one of Guam’s centenarians.”

The presentation will take place on **Sunday, March 15, 2020, 3:00 p.m.** at the Governor’s House.

We look forward to your attendance and participation.

Si Yu’os Ma’åse’!

CC: Clerks
Sergeant at Arms
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2020 (SECOND) Regular Session

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