

**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
336-35 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje	Relative to posthumously commending the late Cerila Tanaka Matias Rapadas for her devotion to uplifting the people of Guam through public service and advocaey; and to extending sincere condolences to her family on her passing, on behalf of the people of Guam.	7/1/20 11:28 a.m.	7/9/20 5:00 p.m.	7/8/20 3:58 p.m.					

Resolution No. 336-35 (COR)

Introduced by:

Theresa M. Terlaje	
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAM:

WHEREAS, Cerila Tanaka Matias Rapadas was born on June 30, 1932 in Hagåtña, and is the daughter of Leonardo P. Matias and Carmen S. Tanaka. She has five (5) siblings Antonio, Leonardo, Carmen, Frances, and Julia; and

WHEREAS, Cerila and her husband Danilo K. Rapadas were married on August 30, 1958; and they had seven (7) children: Leonardo and Cynthia Cruz Rapadas; Danilo and Janet Paulino Rapadas; Antonio and Carmela Somalpong Rapadas; Christina Rapadas; Asuncion Rapadas; Juan and Luisa Capulong Rapadas; and Earl and Roberta Rapadas Yamamoto. Cerila and Danilo also had twelve (12) grandchildren: Nicole, Lauren, Genevieve, Danielle, Danilo, Antonio, Victoria, Elisa, Noah, Cerila, Ethan, and Emilee; and two (2) great grandchildren: Aidan and Dylan; and

WHEREAS, Cerila and her family suffered through the Japanese occupation of Guam which lasted from 1941 to 1944, while Cerila was only nine (9) to twelve (12) years old, that included the march to Manenggon, encampment, and the brutal treatment and deprivation of the Chamorro people of Guam; and

WHEREAS, shortly after the war ended, Cerila pursued a high school diploma in 1950 from George Washington High School in Sinajana, where she was the Valedictorian of her class; and

WHEREAS, Cerila then pursued higher education, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology, with a minor in Chemistry from the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minnesota; and in 1954, she returned to Guam to care for her ailing father, alongside her mother; and

WHEREAS, Cerila showed her love of the island and her country by becoming Guam's ten (10)-year Anniversary Liberation Day Queen in 1954; and

WHEREAS, Cerila taught courses in General Science and Biology part-time at the Academy of Our Lady of Guam in Hagåtña from 1954 to 1955; and was conferred with a Master's Degree in Biological Science from Stanford University in Palo Alto, California in 1957; and

WHEREAS, early in her life, Cerila developed her faith and love for God and the Church, that translated into several decades of volunteer service for the church, which included being a charter member of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Guam Chapter, President of both the Saint Anthony Catholic Church Christian Mothers and Parish Council for decades, and served as a Liturgical and Eucharistic minister; and she was actively involved at the membership and leadership levels in many civic organizations, including the Guam Memorial Hospital Employees Association, the March of Dimes, the Saint Anthony School Parent Teacher Association, the American Cancer Society, the Municipal Planning Council, the Guam Council on Senior Citizens, and the Immunization Coalition Group, among others; and

WHEREAS, Cerila's many years of service and leadership inspired many of the younger generations to also serve and lead the efforts to keep her church viable and alive in the new millennium, inspiring many to continue in her footsteps through volunteerism and the charitable work she advocated for in providing assistance for the most at-risk families in our community; and

WHEREAS, Cerila started her life of public service in 1957 at the Guam Memorial Hospital, where she worked as a Laboratory Technologist for twenty-one (21) years; and in 1979, she became a Laboratory Administrator; from 1979 to 1981, Cerila served as the Administrator for the Guam Health Planning and Development Agency; and from 1981 through 1983, she served as the Administrator for the Guam Memorial Hospital; and

WHEREAS, after twenty-five (25) years of service with the government of Guam, Cerila then became employed in the private sector working as a Lab Supervisor with the Physician Diagnostic Laboratory in Tamuning, from 1983 to 1988; and

WHEREAS, Cerila agreed to fill in for the position of Deputy Director at Catholic Social Service at the request of Monsignor David I.A. Quitagua, her parish priest at Saint Anthony and Saint Victor Catholic Church in Tamuning, while he was on hiatus. This is where she would do her most important and impactful work for the community for the next twenty (20) years; and

WHEREAS, Cerila was appointed to serve as Executive Director of Catholic Social Service, where she had the responsibility of managing and expanding over thirty (30) programs that presently provides services to thousands of Guam residents annually, including the elderly, the homeless, victims of abuse, children, and persons with disabilities, among other members of our community who are most at risk; and upon her retirement in 2010, she earned recognition and congratulations and was presented with a Legislative Resolution by I Mina'trentai Na Liheslaturan Guahan (the 30th Guam Legislature); and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Cerila M. Rapadas Scholarship was established by her family with the University of Guam Endowment Foundation for eligible undergraduate students pursuing a Bachelor's Degree of Social Work at the University of Guam; and

WHEREAS, Cerila Rapadas devoted many years of her life in public service to uplift our entire community, while also caring for her husband, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren until her untimely passing on May 29, 2020; 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, posthumously commend the late Cerila Tanaka Matias Rapadas for her devotion to uplifting the people of Guam through public service and advocacy; and to extend sincere condolences to her family on her passing, on behalf of the people of Guam, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chair 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 the family of the late Cerila Tanaka Matias Rapadas: Leonardo and Cynthia Cruz Rapadas; Danilo and Janet Paulino Rapadas; Antonio and Carmela Somalpong Rapadas; Christina Rapadas; Asuncion Rapadas; Juan and Luisa Capulong Rapadas; and Earl and Roberta Rapadas Yamamoto; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, I Muga'ngga Guahan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAM ON THE 8TH DAY OF JULY 2020.

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Speaker

RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Chair, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary



7/09/20



SENATOR THERESE M. TERLAJE

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

July 8, 2020

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators and Media

From: Senator Therese M. Terlaje

Subject: **Presentation of Resolution No. 336-35 (COR)**

Buenas yan Håfa Adai!

Please join us in presenting **Resolution No. 336-35 (COR) – Therese M. Terlaje** - “Relative to posthumously commending the late Cerila Tanaka Matias Rapadas for her devotion to uplifting the people of Guam through public service and advocacy; and to extending sincere condolences to her family on her passing, on behalf of the people of Guam.”

The presentation will take place on **Thursday, July 9, 2020 5:00 pm** at the Guam Congress Building Public Hearing Room.

We look forward to your attendance and participation.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

cc: Clerks, Sergeant at Arms, MIS

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I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2020 (SECOND) Regular Session

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- 4 Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

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Senator James C. Moylan,
Member

Senator Mary Camacho Torres,
Member and Chair, Subcommittee on Protocol

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

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

Resolution No. 336-35 (COR) – Therese M. Terlaje. – “Relative to posthumously commending the late Cerila Tanaka Matias Rapadas for her devotion to uplifting the people of Guam through public service and advocacy; and to extending sincere condolences to her family on her passing, on behalf of the people of Guam.”

	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Régine Biscoe Lee Chair	E-VOTE	7/8/20	✓		
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Vice Chair	E-VOTE	7/8/20	✓		
Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member	E-VOTE	7/8/20	✓		
Vice-Speaker Telen Cruz Nelson Member	E-VOTE	7/8/20	✓		
Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD Member	E-VOTE	7/8/20	✓		
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Member	E-VOTE	7/8/20	✓		
Senator Clynton E. Ridgell Member					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	E-VOTE	7/8/20	✓		
Senator Jose "Pedro" Terlaje Member	E-VOTE	7/8/20	✓		
Senator Therese M. Terlaje Member	TMT	7/8/20	✓		
Senator James C. Moylan Minority Member	E-VOTE	7/8/20	✓		
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member	E-VOTE	7/8/20	✓		

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Sponsor Signature: TMT
Staff Contact Person: ANDREA C. PELLACANI

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11 Certified _____ Returned
Name: Tricia Benavente
Date: 7/8/20 3:58 p.m.
Notes: _____