

**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
351-35 (COR)	Amanda L. Shelton	Relative to posthumously recognizing and commemorating the late Josefina Dorotea Yamanaka Blas for her contributions to our island; and expressing condolences to her family on her passing on behalf of the people of Guam.	7/17/20 4:31 p.m.	8/3/20 3:30 p.m.	7/27/20 2:27 p.m.					

Resolution No. 351-35 (COR)

Introduced by:

Amanda L. Shelton

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**Relative to posthumously recognizing and commemorating the late Josefina Dorotea Yamanaka Blas for her contributions to our island; and expressing condolences to her family on her passing on behalf of the people of Guam.**

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

**WHEREAS**, Josefina Dorotea Mendiola Yamanaka was born on May 9, 1915 in the village of *Agat*; and she is the daughter of Kioshi Diego and Catalina Mendiola Yamanaka, and lived in the village of *Talofofo*; and

**WHEREAS**, Josefina married Mariano Mafnas Blas on June 7, 1941, and they shared thirty-three (33) years of marriage until his death in 1974. They had nine (9) children: Joseph Anthony, David Marion, Edward Richard, Peter John, Henry Vincent, Raymond Frankie, Catherine Rose, Mary Doris, and Thomas James; and were also blessed with forty-three (43) grandchildren, ninety-six (96) great-grandchildren, and twenty-five (25) great-great grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, during World War II, Josefina was only twenty-six (26) years old. She, along with her granddaughter Liza Mary Blas Matanane, did a documentary to tell of her experiences during World War II; and having lived through the war experiencing the unfortunate deportation of her father, she still manages to forgive and see only the good in all people; and

**WHEREAS**, Josefina attended the College of Guam, and although she never received a degree, she served as an Educator for thirty-four (34) years; and she is still fondly remembered by her former students and *Talofofo* residents as being their first (1<sup>st</sup>) grade teacher; and she had also worked as a Salesclerk for Butlers; and

**WHEREAS**, Josefina was a huge baseball fan of the New York Yankees and Los Angeles Dodgers; and during her spare time, she enjoyed crocheting, playing cards, and watching ESPN. Being a devoted Catholic and a very religious woman, she loved to pray the Divine Mercy Prayer daily; and she continued to carry on her annual Christmas tradition of having the *Nobenan Ninu Jesus*. Josefina was a very devoted churchgoer, and was a member of the Christian Mothers of the *San Miguel* Church Parish in *Talofofo*; and

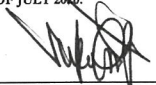
**WHEREAS**, Josefina was a loving, wonderful, and unselfish person to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren; and her family members feel so blessed to have had her in their lives. There is no doubt that her health and longevity were due to her faith, love, and devotion to her family and to God; and


**WHEREAS**, Josefina devoted many years of her life in public service to uplift our entire community while caring for her family until her untimely passing; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of Guam, posthumously recognize and commemorate the late Josefina Dorotea Yamanaka Blas for her many contributions to our island; and express 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 Josefina Dorotea Yamanaka Blas; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hagan Guåhan*.


DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY 2020.

  
TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES  
Speaker

  
RÉGINE BISCOE LEE  
Chair, Committee on Rules

  
AMANDA L. SHELTON  
Legislative Secretary



  
MICHAEL MUÑA  
2/28/2020

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**July 27, 2020**

**MEMORANDUM**

To: All Senators  
35th Guam Legislature

From: Senator Amanda L. Shelton  
Subject: **[CORRECTION] Presentation of Resolution No. 351 - 35 (COR)**

*Buenas yan Håfa Adai!*

Kindly request to disregard previous correspondence, and to update accordingly with the correct time for this presentation.

Please note the presentation for **Resolution No. 351-35 (COR) - Amanda L. Shelton**. - “Relative to posthumously recognizing and commemorating the late Josefina Dorotea Yamanaka Blas for her contributions to our island; and expressing condolences to her family on her passing on behalf of the people of Guam.” will take place **August 3rd, 2020 at 3:30 PM** at the **Public Hearing Room of the Guam Congress Building**.

We look forward to your attendance and participation.

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*Si Yu'os Ma'åse,*

**Office of the People • Senator Amanda L. Shelton**  
Legislative Secretary & Chairwoman of the Committee on Higher Education and the Advancement of Women, Youth, and Senior Citizens

35th Guam Legislature  
*I Mina'trentai Singko na Libeslaturan Guåban*

Guam Congress Building  
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***I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2020 (SECOND) Regular Session**

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6 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Singko Na*  
7 *Lihselaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Lihselaturan Guåhan* and the people  
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**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
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OF JULY 2020.**

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**TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES**  
Speaker

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**RÉGINE BISCOE LEE**  
Chair, Committee on Rules

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**AMANDA L. SHELTON**  
Legislative Secretary

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Member

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Member

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

**COMMITTEE ON RULES**  
*I MINA 'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
35<sup>TH</sup> GUAM LEGISLATURE

**COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET**

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	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Senator Régine Biscoe Lee Chair	via E-vote	7/27/2020	✓		
Legislative Secretary Amanda L. Shelton Vice Chair	via E-vote	7/27/2020	✓		
Speaker Tina Rose Muña Barnes Member	via E-vote	7/27/2020	✓		
Vice-Speaker Telena Cruz Nelson Member	via E-vote	7/27/2020	✓		
Senator Kelly Marsh (Taitano), PhD Member					
Senator Sabina Flores Perez Member					
Senator Clynton E. Ridgell Member					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	via - E-vote	7/27/2020	✓		
Senator Jose "Pedo" Terlaje Member	via E-vote	7/27/2020	✓		
Senator Therese M. Terlaje Member					
Senator James C. Moylan Minority Member	via E-vote	7/27/2020	✓		
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member	via E-vote	7/27/2020	✓		

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Sponsor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ *A. Shelton*  
Staff Contact Person: M. Muña

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8 Certified \_\_\_\_\_ Returned \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Joaquin P. Taitague  
Date: July 27, 2020 at 2:27 p.m.  
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