




**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
73-35 (COR)	Régine Biscoe Lee Clynton E. Ridgell Tina Rose Muña Barnes	Relative to posthumously recognizing the late Mr. Rex Sorensen, founder and president of Sorensen Media Group, for his invaluable contributions to the people of Guam and the Micronesia region; and commending him for his outstanding efforts and dedicated service to developing media broadcasting and promoting the advancement of the media industry on Guam.	3/15/19 9:27 a.m.	3/19/19 12:00 p.m.						

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2019 (FIRST) Regular Session

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Introduced by:

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

3 **WHEREAS**, the late Mr. Rex Sorensen was born in Whittier, California and is a
4 graduate of the University of Oregon with a Bachelor's in Science degree in Accounting
5 and Financing, and holds a designation as a Certified Public Accountant Rex and
6 volunteered his service to his country through his time with the United States Army;
7 and

8 **WHEREAS**, Rex and his wife, Mimi, have made Guam their home for the last
9 twenty-five (25) years; and

10 **WHEREAS**, since 1985, Rex was the Chairman, CEO, and principal shareholder
11 of the Sorensen Media Group, a Guam based media company which operates radio and
12 television stations in Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

1 (CNMI), as well as an extensive portfolio of news and entertainment websites. The
2 operations of Sorensen Media Group also include the Pacific News Center, a radio-
3 television and web news content provider, and audio-visual production facilities; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in 1981, Rex launched what would become our island’s first
5 dedicated talk radio station, Newstalk K-57. Along with the late Mr. Jon Anderson,
6 another pioneer in local broadcasting, Sorensen Media Group grew over the years with
7 expansions into news, FM radio and television products both here and in the
8 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Sorensen Media Group has a long history in community service
10 with organizations like Guam Cancer Care, Habitat for Humanity, the local chapter of
11 the American Red Cross, and countless others as a direct result of the example set by
12 Rex, who contributed by helping the island through local Rotary clubs; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Sorensen Media Group has donated, and continues to donate years
14 of airtime for veterans to ensure their concerns are heard by public and elected officials
15 through Vet Talk as a direct result of Rex Sorensen’s service to his country; and

16 **WHEREAS**, prior to joining Sorensen Media Group in 1980, Rex was a self-
17 employed real estate investor-developer in Honolulu, Hawaii specializing in small
18 condominium development, home renovation, property rental, and real estate
19 consulting; and

20 **WHEREAS**, from the years 1971 to 1980, Rex was Vice President of Finance of
21 Mike McCormack Company, a Honolulu-based real estate brokerage and development
22 company; and

23 **WHEREAS**, Rex was a founding board member of Air America Radio, as the
24 chairman of Progress Media and in 2007, Rex was named “Media Mogul” by GU
25 Magazine; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Rex is succeeded by his three children; and

1 **WHEREAS**, Rex was endeared by his colleagues and employees, as well as the
2 media industry and the island and regional community, and the impact of his work will
3 remain his legacy for years to come; now, therefore be it

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Singko Na*
5 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
6 of Guam, posthumously recognize the late Mr. Rex Sorensen, founder and president of
7 Sorensen Media Group, for his invaluable contributions to the people of Guam and the
8 Micronesian region; and to commend him for his outstanding efforts and dedicated
9 service to developing media broadcasting and promoting the advancement of the media
10 industry on Guam; and be it further

11 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
12 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
13 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Mimi Sorensen and their family; to Sorensen
14 Media Group; and to the Honorable Lourdes Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

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

TELENA CRUZ NELSON
Acting Speaker

RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary