

I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
RESOLUTIONS

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| 385-36 (LS)    | Amanda L. Shelton<br>Tina Rose Muña Barnes | Relative to posthumously recognizing and commemorating the late Honorable †Pilar Diaz Cruz Lujan, former Senator of I Liheslaturan Guåhan and Educator, for her contributions and services to Guam and its people; and expressing condolences to her family on her passing, on behalf of the people of Guam. | 6/17/22<br>3:52 p.m. | 6/21/22<br>8:00 a.m. | 6/17/22      |               |             |                     |                          |       |

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BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:

**WHEREAS**, †Pilar Diaz Cruz Lujan was born on October 12, 1930, in *Agaña*, Guam, the second youngest child in a family of nine (9) children of †Jose Valenzuela and †Josefa Diaz Cruz. †Pilar Diaz Cruz Lujan always yearned to further her prospects for the future in as many ways as possible on this small, remote Pacific Island of Guam; and she took her first step towards advancement when she graduated from George Washington High School in *Mongmong*, Guam in 1951; and

**WHEREAS**, encouraged by high school teachers and Ms. Jean Brower, †Pilar Diaz Cruz Lujan managed to obtain scholarships to attend Siena Heights College in Adrian, Michigan. There she was befriended by Sister Ellen Vincent, Sister Ann Joachim, and others who positively influenced her goals for a bright future, and †Pilar Diaz Cruz Lujan graduated with a sense of fulfillment and obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Secondary Education from Siena Heights in 1955-1956; and she began her career working as a teacher at Saint Jude's School on 7 Mile East Road in Detroit, Michigan with her newly conferred education degree; and

**WHEREAS**, in mid-1956, †Pilar Diaz Cruz Lujan returned to Guam and worked as a teacher. She met †Frank George Lujan and within a short period of courtship they became engaged. It was then that her destiny as an accomplished island leader and future political player became her fate, as they both shared the same beliefs, goals, and prospects for a bright future for themselves and their island; and they both supported each other and encouraged the other so that dreams became reality, and success easily captured. They were married on July 7, 1956, and she gave birth to a future lawyer, Monessa in 1957, a future doctor, Davina in 1960, and a future businessman, Galen in 1962. After the birth of her third (3<sup>rd</sup>) child, Pilar was promoted to serve as Assistant Principal of East *Barrigada* School in *Radio Barrigada*, Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, to further their career opportunities and enrich their growing family, †Pilar Diaz Cruz Lujan and †Frank George Lujan decided to pursue their juris doctorate and master's degrees, respectively, at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. In 1966, †Pilar Diaz Cruz Lujan was conferred with a Master's of Science in Elementary School Administration; and shortly after, †Pilar Diaz Cruz Lujan gave birth to her youngest daughter and future government administrator, Rolenda. With a juris doctorate and a master's degree in hand, Frank and Pilar returned to Guam to contribute to their growing island; and

**WHEREAS**, from 1967 through 1969, †Pilar Diaz Cruz Lujan served as the Principal of Wettengel Elementary School in *Dededo*, Guam; and she came across many barriers due to the bureaucratic red tape of the Department of Education Administrative Division. With ideas and goals of her own, †Pilar Diaz Cruz Lujan decided to further pursue her career and become an administrator of the island's education system. Hence, she enrolled at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and came away with an Education Specialist degree in General School Administration in 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, returning to the island, †Pilar Diaz Cruz Lujan was appointed to serve as an Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction in 1970, and then was promoted to be the Associate Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction; and shortly after, she became a consultant in the bilingual education system for the Education and Human Resources Development Division in New York City in 1975. †Pilar Diaz Cruz Lujan assumed almost every level in the Government of Guam education system, from teacher to the highest position, to include being the Acting Director of Education in 1976. She opted for early retirement after she put in place the *CHamoru* language and culture in the public-school curriculum, implementing it in the elementary schools; and

**WHEREAS**, further on in her career in education, †Pilar Diaz Cruz Lujan became a *CHamoru* translator for the Guam Constitutional Convention, and a *CHamoru* Language Instructor at the University of Guam from 1977 through 1979. Also contributing to the island's bilingual enrichment, †Pilar Diaz Cruz Lujan became a *CHamoru* newscaster with the public broadcasting radio station KGTF from 1976 through 1980, and a licensed Educational Research Consultant from 1976 through 1982; and as a culmination of her education career, she was elected to serve as Chairwoman of the first Board of Education in 1977; and

**WHEREAS**, as a steppingstone toward influencing the direction that the Department of Education and the island of Guam was heading toward, and with the encouragement from colleagues who were impressed with her vision, †Pilar Diaz Cruz Lujan took the plunge into politics; and

**WHEREAS**, the late Honorable †Pilar Diaz Cruz Lujan served as a Senator of the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> Guam Legislatures, from 1983 through 1994; and as a Senator, she chaired the Committee on Judiciary and Criminal Justice, Corrections, Economic Development, Housing and Community Development, and Federal and Foreign Affairs, and the Committee on Health, Welfare and Ecology; and she is credited with introducing landmark legislation for Guam that became law, such as the establishment of the Supreme Court of Guam (Guam Public Law 21-147 – the "Frank G. Lujan Memorial Court Reorganization Act of 1992"); the Crime Victims Bill of Rights (Guam Public Law 21-96); the Child Protective Act (Guam Public Law 20-209); the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act (Guam Public Law 20-209); the establishment of the Judicial Building Fund to construct the Guam Judicial Center (Guam Public Law 20-170); the establishment of the Jury and Appointed Counsel Trust Funds (Guam Public Law 19-28); and the Reactivation of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Commission (Guam Public Law 20-155); and the late Honorable †Pilar Diaz Cruz Lujan had also served as a member of the Commission on Self Determination, the Judicial Council, the Board of Law Examiners, the State Federal Assembly of Law and Justice, the Assembly on the Legislatures, the Economic Development and International Trade Committee of the Western Legislative Conference, and the Executive Committee on Land and Energy of the Western Legislative Conference; and



**WHEREAS**, upon retirement from the Government of Guam, the late Honorable †Pilar Diaz Cruz Lujan served as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the A.B. Won Pat International Airport Authority Guam, from 1995 through 2002; and those were momentous years that saw the Airport Authority go through its \$247 Million Dollar expansion project, which was the largest capital improvement project ever undertaken on Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, her dedication to public service did not wane after her service on the GLAA Board of Directors ended, as the late Honorable †Pilar Diaz Cruz Lujan joined the Government of Guam Association of Retired Persons/*Servicio Para I Manåmko* as its Chairwoman of the Board, and had served as a very active member in protecting its assets and improving services for the *manåmko* of Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, despite a hectic schedule and the constant requests for her assistance, the late Honorable †Pilar Diaz Cruz Lujan practiced impressive time management and contributed to social and civic organizations such as the Salvation Army, the Soroptimist International of Guam, the Guam Women's Issues Task Force, the International Women's Club of Guam, the Phi Delta Kappa Society, the American Association of University Women, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, and a multitude of other social and civic organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the late Honorable †Pilar Diaz Cruz Lujan credits her faith for enhancing and enriching her life with blessings, and giving her the guidance to undertake numerous projects and career turns. In 2002, she was installed as the Chairwoman of the Guam Chapter of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas; and in that role, and in dedication to Guam's patroness, *Santa Marian Kamalen*, she made it her mission to spearhead the inclusion of a reproduction of the Our Lady of Camarin icon at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception located in Washington, D.C.; and on November 14, 2004, the Board of Trustees approved the project. On September 21, 2006, the project came to fruition where more than one hundred (100) pilgrims from Guam and around the country were in the nation's capital for the historic enshrinement of *Santa Marian Kamalen*; and

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**WHEREAS**, the late Honorable †Pilar Diaz Cruz Lujan was a recipient of the "2015 *Hustisia Award*" for her commitment and dedication in her service and support to improving Guam's judicial system; and

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**WHEREAS**, in all her accomplishments, the late Honorable †Pilar Diaz Cruz Lujan contributes her success to her parents, husband and children, and to all her impressive teachers, professors, and Catholic leaders that molded her character, influenced her morals, and enlightened her goals and vision; now therefore, be it


**RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guahan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, posthumously recognize and commemorate the late Honorable †Pilar Diaz Cruz Lujan, former Senator of *I Liheslaturan Guahan*, for her contributions and services to Guam and its people; and express condolences to her family on her passing, on behalf of the people of Guam; and 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 Davina Lujan; to Galen Lujan; to Rolenda Lujan Faasumalie; to Maya Lujan Butcher; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Magsa'hagan Guahan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN* ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2022.

  
THERESE M. TERLAJE  
Speaker

  
AMANDA L. SHELTON  
Legislative Secretary

  
6-21-22



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**2022 (SECOND) Regular Session**

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**THERESE M. TERLAJE**  
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**AMANDA L. SHELTON**  
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Office of Senator  
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Advancement of Women, Youth and Senior Citizens

*I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan • 36<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature*

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June 20, 2022

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** All Senators

36th Guam Legislature

**From:** Senator Amanda L. Shelton *Ashelton*

**Re:** Presentation Notice for Resolution No. 385-36 (LS)

*Buenas yan Håfa Adai!*

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The presentation will take place on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, 8:00 a.m., at Guam Legislature Building.

We look forward to your attendance and participation.

