

*I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
**BILL STATUS**

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<b>303-36 (COR)</b> As amended by the Committee on General Government Operations, Appropriations, and Housing, and further amended on the Floor	V. Anthony Ada Joe S. San Agustin. Sabina Flores Perez Christopher M. Dueñas Telo T. Taitague Joanne Brown Jose "Pedo" Terlaje Tina Rose Muña Barnes <del>Theresa M. Terlaje</del>	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW §849.16 TO ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 8, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO THE DESIGNATING A PORTION OF ROUTE 4 AS "SEVEN HEROES OF MALESSO' HIGHWAY."	5/6/22 11:43 a.m.	5/11/22	Committee on General Government Operations, Appropriations, and Housing	5/26/22 2:00 p.m.	9/21/22 9:24 a.m.  As amended by the Committee on General Government Operations, Appropriations, and Housing	Request: 5/11/22  5/16/22	
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**HONORABLE THERESE M. TERLAJE**

*Speaker*

*I Mina 'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

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**Re: BILL NO. 303-36 (COR) - AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 849.16 TO ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 8, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO DESIGNATING A PORTION OF ROUTE 4 AS "SEVEN HEROES OF MALESSO' HIGHWAY"**

*Hafa Adai Madame Speaker,*

We come together as an island every year to celebrate Liberation Day, to commemorate the invasion of U.S. military forces and the end of the Japanese occupation in July 1944. We have monuments and parks dedicated to the heroes who came to Guam's shores to recapture our island. During this time, we also stand in solemn reflection of those we lost, including the CHamoru men and women massacred at Faha and Tinta, as well as at Fena Cave, and those who endured other wartime atrocities, including those forced to march to concentration camps such as Manenggon. However, the story of the CHamoru people is not limited to our trauma and victimization, and our island owes a debt of gratitude to notable CHamoru men and women who we hold in our hearts and minds as heroes, without whom countless more would have perished or suffered.

Bill 303-36 seeks to designate a portion of Route 4 as "Seven Heroes of Malesso' Highway" in honor of the brave men of Malesso' who led their village's liberation from Japanese occupiers. The liberation story of Malesso' is a proud part of the history of Malesso' and our island. In advance of the U.S. invasion of Guam, as Japanese soldiers intensified their massacre of our people, these men led a nearly unarmed uprising against their captors, recruited additional forces and overwhelmed soldiers at Atâte, preventing the massacre of dozens of CHamoros held there. Anticipating retaliation, a delegation was assigned to travel by canoe, evading Japanese detection, to American ships in the open sea, to whom they provided intelligence that proved important to the ultimate invasion on July 21st.

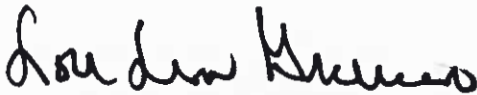
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Date: October 12, 2022  
Re: Bill No. 303-36 (COR)

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This story deserves to be told and retold to future generations at every opportunity. To the families of these seven heroes – Jose S. Reyes, Mariano Nangauta, Jose Nangauta, Juan A. Naputi, Patricio Taijeron, Vicente Meno, and Nicolas Chargualaf – your forebears stand as proud examples of the heroism and strength of the CHamoru people in the face of overwhelming adversity. I am pleased to sign Bill 303-36 into law in honor of their legacy, and yours. It shall be known as **Public Law No. 36-109**.

*Senseremente,*



**LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**

*Maga'hāgan Guāhan*

Governor of Guam

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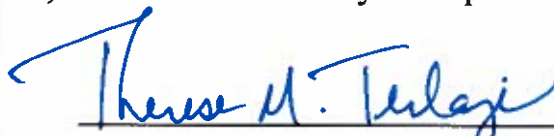
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Compiler of Laws


***I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2022 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN***

This is to certify that **Bill No. 303-36 (COR)**, "AN ACT TO *ADD* A NEW § 849.16 TO ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 8, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO DESIGNATING A PORTION OF ROUTE 4 AS "SEVEN HEROES OF *MALESSO'* HIGHWAY," was on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022, duly and regularly passed.


  
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**Therese M. Terlaje**  
**Speaker**

Attested:


  
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**Amanda L. Shelton**  
**Legislative Secretary**

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This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 30<sup>TH</sup> day of SEPT, 2022, at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

  
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**Rob C. C. CHONG**  
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APPROVED:

  
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**Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero**  
***I Maga'hågan Guåhan***

Date: 10/12/2022

Public Law No. 36-109

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***I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2022 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 303-36 (COR)**

As amended by the Committee on General  
Government Operation, Appropriations, and  
Housing and further amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 849.16 TO ARTICLE 1 OF  
CHAPTER 8, TITLE 1, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED,  
RELATIVE TO DESIGNATING A PORTION OF ROUTE  
4 AS “SEVEN HEROES OF MALESSO' HIGHWAY.”**

1        **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2        **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds  
3 that toward the end of World War II, just days before American forces stormed the  
4 beaches of Guam to end the Japanese occupation of the island, Japanese soldiers  
5 escalated their atrocities against CHamorus. Such was the case on July 15 and 16,

1 1944 when nearly fifty (50) CHamoru men and women were massacred in the *Tinta*  
2 and *Faha* areas of *Malesso'*. Many more would have been killed but for the heroic  
3 actions of seven (7) brave men of *Malesso'* who risked their lives to prevent further  
4 murders of their fellow villagers. The seven (7) heroes were Jose S. Reyes, Mariano  
5 Nangauta, Jose Nangauta, Juan A. Naputi, Patricio Taijeron, Vicente Meno, and  
6 Nicolas Chargualaf.

7 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* that it would be a fitting  
8 tribute to these seven (7) Guam heroes that a portion of the highway in *Malesso'* be  
9 named in memory of the brave men who risked all to save the lives of their family,  
10 friends, and neighbors.

11 **Section 2.** A new § 849.16 is *added* to Article 1 of Chapter 8, Title 1, Guam  
12 Code Annotated, to read as follows:

13 **“§ 849.16. Designation of a Portion of Route 4 as “Seven Heroes**  
14 **of *Malesso'* Highway.”**

15 (a) The portion of Route 4 from the terminus of Route 2 in  
16 Humåtak to the Ajayan River Bridge is hereby designated as “Seven  
17 Heroes of *Malesso'* Highway.”

18 (b) The Director of the Department of Public Works shall  
19 cause to have signs posted, at appropriate intervals, that visibly identify  
20 the highway’s official name.

21 (c) All references within government of Guam documentation  
22 and signage shall reflect this designation.”

23 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.