

***I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN***  
**2024 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 330-37 (COR)**

Introduced by:

Roy A. B. Quinata 

**Relative to commending the Guam Preservation Trust, *Humåtak* Mayor's Office, and community for their efforts in rehabilitating the Historic structure of F.Q. Sanchez Elementary School and congratulating them on the official groundbreaking, initiating the revitalization of the historical former educational facility.**

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

3        **WHEREAS**, Francisco Q. (F.Q.) Sanchez Elementary School located in the  
4 small southern village of *Humåtak*, was finalized in 1953 and was one of the first  
5 completed buildings as part of the efforts to restore Guam after the devastation sustained  
6 during World War II; and

7        **WHEREAS**, first named the Magellan School, later changed to *Umatac* School,  
8 it was ultimately decided to obtain the name F.Q. Sanchez Elementary School, after the  
9 first school principal, †Francisco Q. Sanchez (1899-1954), an educator and political  
10 leader; and

11        **WHEREAS**, F.Q. Sanchez Elementary School, was designed by world-  
12 renowned architect †Richard J. Neutra (1892-1970), known for incorporating nature  
13 into his work. The design of the building takes advantage of the small community's  
14 backdrop, located on a terrace hill in the heart of the village, featuring mountainous and

1 ocean views, and built around the historical Spanish era church ruins, located on the  
2 front lawn; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the original structure of F.Q. Sanchez Elementary School included  
4 two (2) wings, housing eight (8) classrooms, an administrative office, and a central  
5 covered plaza for students to gather. Throughout the years since it’s origin, the school  
6 has undergone renovations and modernization to accommodate the changing times; and

7 **WHEREAS**, in 1998, F.Q. Sanchez Elementary School was placed on the Guam  
8 and National Register of Historic Places, deemed to be of “exceptional importance”;  
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, in 2011, after much discussion and with protest from the  
11 community of *Humåtak*, the Guam Department of Education Board decided to close  
12 F.Q. Sanchez Elementary School due to limited student enrollment, shifting the students  
13 to a neighboring school; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in 2013, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the Office of Governor passed  
15 public law giving the *Humåtak* Mayor’s Office jurisdiction F.Q. Sanchez Elementary  
16 School for community use; and

17 **WHEREAS**, through the efforts of the Guam Preservation Trusts, the historic  
18 structure gained national recognition from the National Trust for Historic Preservation  
19 being named as part of America’s 11 Most Endanger Historic Places for 2022 to bring  
20 awareness about threats facing some of the nation’s greatest treasures; and

21 **WHEREAS**, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* passed legislation in 2022 to appropriate  
22 thre million, five hundred thousand dollars (\$3,500,000) to the Guam Preservation Trust  
23 for the purpose of renovating and revitalizing the former school campus for the use of  
24 community and educational activities and was signed as Public Law 36-82; and

25 **WHEREAS**, now in March 2024, this construction groundbreaking signifies the  
26 beginning of the revitalization project of the former school campus of F.Q. Sanchez  
27 Elementary School, which will transform the structure from an ailing former

1 educational facility to a staple southern community center with great historic value; now  
2 therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*  
4 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, commend the  
5 Guam Preservation Trust, *Humåtak* Mayor's Office, and community for their efforts in  
6 revitalizing the historic structure of F.Q. Sanchez Elementary School and congratulate  
7 them on the official groundbreaking, initiating the revitalization of the historical former  
8 educational facility; and be it further

9 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
10 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
11 the same be thereafter transmitted to *Humåtak* Mayor's Office; Guam Preservation  
12 Trust; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY  
OF MARCH 2024.**

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**THERESE M. TERLAJE**  
Speaker

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**CHRIS BARNETT**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

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**AMANDA L. SHELTON**  
Legislative Secretary