

**I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**RESOLUTIONS**

| Resolution No. | Sponsor   | Title  | Date Intro           | Date of Presentation | Date Adopted | Date Referred | Referred to | PUBLIC HEARING DATE | DATE AUTHORS REPORT FILED | NOTES |
|----------------|---|--|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------|
| 360-37 (LS)    | Joanne M. Brown<br>Therese M. Terlaje<br>Tina Rose Muña Barnes<br>Amanda L. Shelton<br>Frank Blas, Jr.<br>Telo T. Taitague<br>Chris Barnett<br>Christopher M. Dueñas<br>Thomas J. Fisher<br>Jesse A. Lujan<br>Sabina Flores Perez<br>Roy A. B. Quinata<br>Joe S. San Agustin<br>Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas | Relative to posthumously recognizing the late Honorable William "Don" Parkinson, former Speaker of <i>Lihselaturan Guåhan</i> , for his dedication to the island of Guam, and commemorating his legacy of service; and expressing condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam. | 3/20/24<br>2:58 p.m. | 3/28/24<br>2:00 p.m. | 3/20/24      |               |             |                     |                           |       |

Resolution No. 360-37 (LS)

Introduced by:

Joanne M. Brown  
Therese M. Terlaje  
Tina Rose Marie Barnes  
Amanda L. Saulton  
Frank Blas Jr.  
Lily J. Fongue  
Chris Barnett  
Christopher M. Doenas  
Thomas J. Fisher  
Jose A. Lujan  
Sabina Flores Perez  
Roc A. B. Quinata  
Lee S. San Agustin  
Dwayne T. D. San Nicolas  
William A. Parkinson



Relative to posthumously recognizing the late Honorable William "Don" Parkinson, former Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, for his dedication to the island of Guam, and commemorating his legacy of service; and expressing condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam.

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

**WHEREAS**, the late Honorable William D. Parkinson, former Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and affectionately known as "Don" to the people of Guam, was born on December 25, 1942, in Boise, Idaho and is the son of Warren Lee and Katherine Parkinson; brother of Warren "Bill" Parkinson, and great-grandson of his paternal grandmother, Lydia Parkinson; and

**WHEREAS**, the late "Don" enlisted in the United States Army in 1966, where he was later deployed to Vietnam. After the completion of his military service, he attended the University of Idaho, where he earned his Juris Doctorate in 1972; and

**WHEREAS**, the late "Don" was admitted to the State Bar of California on November 25, 1974, and served as a prosecuting attorney for Colfax, Washington. He then moved to Mexico, and while living there, he was selected for a position in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, where he served as a Micronesian Constitutional Convention Staff Attorney in 1975. He continued his adventures in the Marianas and eventually moved to Guam, where he continued to practice law and where he would fulfill his most significant works and proudest accomplishments; and

**WHEREAS**, the late "Don" married Marina A. Parkinson on February 18, 1990, and they have seven (7) children: Senator William A. Parkinson, member of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, Clarissa Nichol, Brian Josh, Katherine Angelina, Alex, William Don Jr., and Wilson Parkinson, and was later blessed with the "pride and joys" of his life, his five (5) grandchildren: Seth Antonio Parkinson, Chloe Victorious, Winchester Don, Addison Joy, and Angelina Katherine Borja; and was also a beloved uncle of Warren Lee and Orlando Lander Parkinson; and

**WHEREAS**, living a life committed to public service, the late "Don" ran for public office and was elected by the people of Guam in 1983 to serve as a member of the Seventeenth (17<sup>th</sup>) Guam Legislature and went on to serve an impressive seven (7) consecutive terms to include the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup> Guam Legislatures. As a member of the Guam Legislature, he had also served as the Democrat Majority Leader and was elected in 1995 to serve as the Speaker of the Twenty-third (23<sup>rd</sup>) Guam Legislature; and

**WHEREAS**, in carrying his values and convictions in everything he did, the late "Don" fought tirelessly for consumer advocacy rights; he pursued alternative energy solutions; advocated for the implementation of an unemployment insurance program for Guam; believed and supported the *CHamoru* people's right to self-determination; and he stood up for those who had no voice; and

**WHEREAS**, the late "Don" was also a businessperson and, along with his brother Warren "Bill" Parkinson, established Bill's Fast Loans in 1985; and

**WHEREAS**, the late "Don" was known as a kind, intelligent, and funny person who wore many hats throughout his lifetime, such as coin dealer, Vietnam Veteran, carnival concessionaire, world traveler and explorer, Micronesian Constitutional Convention Staff Attorney, pawn broker, Senator and Speaker of the Guam Legislature, son, husband, brother, friend, and his most meaningful hat, Dad and Papa; and

**WHEREAS**, the late "Don's" dedicated years of public service to the people of Guam will forever be remembered and celebrated as he was a man whose passion for life, love for his island and nation, and tireless efforts fighting for the rights of all people will be his legacy; now therefore, be it

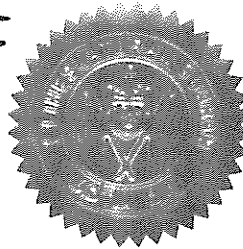
**RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, posthumously recognize the late Honorable William "Don" Parkinson, former Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, for his dedication to the island of Guam, and commemorate his legacy of service; and express condolences to his family on his 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 Mrs. Marina A. Parkinson, wife of the late Honorable Speaker William "Don" Parkinson, and his family; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Magsa' hånqan Guåhan*

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2024.

  
THERESE M. TERLAJE  
Speaker

  
AMANDA L. SAULTON  
Legislative Secretary



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

**Resolution No. 360-37 (LS)**

Introduced by:

Joanne M. Brown  
Therese M. Terlaje  
Tina Rose Muña Barnes  
Amanda L. Shelton  
Frank Blas, Jr.  
Telo T. Taitague  
Chris Barnett  
Christopher M. Dueñas  
Thomas J. Fisher  
Jesse A. Lujan  
Sabina Flores Perez  
Roy A. B. Quinata  
Joe S. San Agustin  
Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas  
William A. Parkinson

**Relative to posthumously recognizing the late Honorable William “Don” Parkinson, former Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, for his dedication to the island of Guam, and commemorating his legacy of service; and expressing condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam.**

1        **BE IT RESOLVED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN***  
2        ***GUÅHAN*:**

3        **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable William D. Parkinson, former Speaker of *I*  
4        *Liheslaturan Guåhan* and affectionately known as “Don” to the people of Guam, was  
5        born on December 25, 1942, in Boise, Idaho and is the son of Warren Lee and Katherine

1 Parkinson; brother of Warren “Bill” Parkinson; and great-grandson of his paternal  
2 grandmother, Lydia Parkinson; and

3         **WHEREAS**, the late “Don” enlisted in the United States Army in 1966, where  
4 he was later deployed to Vietnam. After the completion of his military service, he  
5 attended the University of Idaho, where he earned his Juris Doctorate in 1972; and

6         **WHEREAS**, the late “Don” was admitted to the State Bar of California on  
7 November 25, 1974, and served as a prosecuting attorney for Colfax, Washington. He  
8 then moved to Mexico, and while living there, he was selected for a position in Saipan,  
9 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, where he served as a Micronesian  
10 Constitutional Convention Staff Attorney in 1975. He continued his adventures in the  
11 Marianas and eventually moved to Guam, where he continued to practice law and where  
12 he would fulfill his most significant works and proudest accomplishments; and

13         **WHEREAS**, the late “Don” married Marina A. Parkinson on February 18, 1990,  
14 and they have seven (7) children: Senator William A. Parkinson, member of *I*  
15 *Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, Clarissa Nichol, Brian Josh, Katherine  
16 Angelina, Alex, William Don Jr., and Wilson Parkinson, and was later blessed with the  
17 “pride and joys” of his life, his five (5) grandchildren: Seth Antonio Parkinson, Chloe  
18 Victorious, Winchester Don, Addison Joy, and Angelina Katherine Borja; and was also  
19 a beloved uncle of Warren Lee and Orlando Lander Parkinson; and

20         **WHEREAS**, living a life committed to public service, the late “Don” ran for  
21 public office and was elected by the people of Guam in 1983 to serve as a member of  
22 the Seventeenth (17<sup>th</sup>) Guam Legislature and went on to serve an impressive seven (7)  
23 consecutive terms to include the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup> Guam Legislatures.  
24 As a member of the Guam Legislature, he had also served as the Democrat Majority

1 Leader and was elected in 1995 to serve as the Speaker of the Twenty-third (23<sup>rd</sup>) Guam  
2 Legislature; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in carrying his values and convictions in everything he did, the late  
4 “Don” fought tirelessly for consumer advocacy rights; he pursued alternative energy  
5 solutions; advocated for the implementation of an unemployment insurance program  
6 for Guam; believed and supported the *CHamoru* people’s right to self-determination;  
7 and he stood up for those who had no voice; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the late “Don” was also a businessperson and, along with his  
9 brother Warren “Bill” Parkinson, established Bill’s Fast Loans in 1985; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the late “Don” was known as a kind, intelligent, and funny person  
11 who wore many hats throughout his lifetime, such as coin dealer, Vietnam Veteran,  
12 carnival concessionaire, world traveler and explorer, Micronesian Constitutional  
13 Convention Staff Attorney, pawn broker, Senator and Speaker of the Guam Legislature,  
14 son, husband, brother, friend, and his most meaningful hat, Dad and Papa; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the late “Don’s” dedicated years of public service to the people of  
16 Guam will forever be remembered and celebrated as he was a man whose passion for  
17 life, love for his island and nation, and tireless efforts fighting for the rights of all people  
18 will be his legacy; now therefore, be it

19 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,  
20 on behalf of the people of Guam, posthumously recognize the late Honorable William  
21 “Don” Parkinson, former Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, for his dedication to the  
22 island of Guam, and commemorate his legacy of service; and express condolences to  
23 his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam; and be it further

24 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the  
25 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Marina

- 1 A. Parkinson, wife of the late Honorable Speaker William “Don” Parkinson, and his  
2 family; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2024.**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**THERESE M. TERLAJI**  
Speaker

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**AMANDA L. SHELTON**  
Legislative Secretary

**From:** Office of Senator Joanne M. Brown <office@senatorjoannebrown.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 25, 2024 2:04 PM  
**To:** phnotice@guamlegislature.org  
**Cc:** Clerks; Ed Pocaigue; Joe San Agustin; Protocol Guam Legislature  
**Subject:** Notice of Presentation - Resolution No. 360-37 (LS)

*Håfa Adai:*

The presentation of Resolution No. 360-37 (LS) – **“Relative to posthumously recognizing the late Honorable William “Don” Parkinson, former Speaker of I Liheslaturan Guåhan, for his dedication to the island of Guam, and commemorating his legacy of service; and expressing condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam,”** will be presented on **Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., at the Guam Congress Building, Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Hall, Chalan Santo Papa, Hågatna.**

We look forward to your participation.

Office of Senator Joanne M. Brown | *I Mina' Trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan (37th Guam Legislature)*  
120 Father Dueñas Avenue  
Capitol Plaza Building, Suite 103  
Hagåtña, Guam 96932  
Telephone: (671) 647-1409

**Hafa Adai! Except with respect to public records exempt from disclosure by express provisions of the law, please be advised that, as an official office of the Legislative Branch of the Government of Guam, this electronic communication, is subject to the laws, rules and regulations governing the Sunshine Reform Act, and any other processes and procedures carried out in the spirit of an open and transparent government.**