

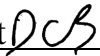
***I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE AUTHORS REPORT FILED	NOTES
402-37 (COR)	Chris Barnett	Relative to Congratulating the SKIP Entertainment Dance Company (SKIP) on their 40th Anniversary and to commend Teri and Lee Knapp for all of their accomplishments as the founders of SKIP and for their contributions to the Arts and Entertainment on Guam.	5/13/24 4:27 p.m.	TBA						

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**2024 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Resolution No. 402-37 (COR)**

Introduced by:

Chris Barnett 

**Relative to Congratulating the SKIP Entertainment Dance Company (SKIP) on their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and to commend Teri and Lee Knapp for all of their accomplishments as the founders of SKIP and for their contributions to the Arts and Entertainment on Guam.**

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

3        **WHEREAS**, SKIP Entertainment Dance Company (SKIP) began as “Sunshine  
4 Kids in Production”, a project of Children’s Productions, Incorporated in 1984; and

5        **WHEREAS**, SKIP turned Children’s Productions, Inc. focus from stage  
6 productions to dance and has given thousands of Guam’s youth an opportunity to  
7 perform, express themselves, excel at their craft and compete against some of the  
8 world’s best dance schools and groups; and

9        **WHEREAS**, SKIP completed their first US Mainland tour in 1985 and has  
10 toured, performed, and competed abroad every year, since; and

11        **WHEREAS**, SKIP performed on International Star Search, which aired in over  
12 63 countries, in 1985; attended Tony Selznick’s Winners Showcase in 1993; appeared  
13 on Ed McMahon’s Star Search in 1993; and was featured on the cover of Performer’s  
14 Edge; and

1           **WHEREAS**, choreographed by Ray Leeper, SKIP won the International  
2 Choreographic Leo’s Gold Award at the 1996 Jazz Dance World Congress at the  
3 Kennedy Center in Washington, DC, after which SKIP was selected as featured  
4 performers at the 1997 Jazz Dance World Congress in Wiesbaden in Germany; and

5           **WHEREAS**, SKIP dancers won the National Dance Championship in San  
6 Antonio, Texas, in 2001 and were featured on the televised special, Show Stopper; and

7           **WHEREAS**, in June of 2002, SKIP won the Overall Dance Championship at the  
8 International Grand Prix Festival in Cesena, Italy, which saw dancers from 23 countries  
9 from five continents; and

10          **WHEREAS**, SKIP dancers were the first runners-up at the ShowCase National  
11 Dance Finals on the Gold Coast in Australia in 2004 and won the Junior and Senior  
12 Overall Championships at the ShowTime National Finals in Niagara Falls, Canada and  
13 the StarPower National Junior Championship in Ocean City, Maryland; and

14          **WHEREAS**, many SKIP dancers have gone on to further their training with the  
15 prestigious Julliard School of Dance, New York University, Hawaii Pacific University,  
16 the University of San Francisco and the University of Hawaii; have had professional  
17 dance careers in productions such as the King and I, the Mikhail Baryshnikov White  
18 Oak Dance Tour, and the Celine Dion show in Las Vegas, Nevada; and have toured  
19 with Britney Spears, Paulina Rubio, Ricky Martin, and Celebrity Cruise Lines; and

20          **WHEREAS**, the primary focus and goal of SKIP is to provide a positive  
21 influence and outlet for youth on Guam, helping develop lifelong values and encourage  
22 excellence through dance while providing opportunities to showcase their hard work  
23 and talent and share their love of dance with the community, island and world; and

24          **WHEREAS**, through SKIP, Terri and Lee Knapp have provided a place for  
25 Guam’s youth to come together to learn respect, commitment, self-confidence and team  
26 work for 40 years; now therefore, be it

1           **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Siette Na*  
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, congratulate the  
3 SKIP Entertainment Dance Company (SKIP) on their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and commend  
4 Teri and Lee Knapp for all of their accomplishments as the founders of SKIP and for  
5 their contributions to the Arts and Entertainment on Guam; and be it further

6           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules  
7 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of  
8 the same be thereafter transmitted to SKIP Entertainment Company founders, Teri and  
9 Lee Knapp ; 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       DAY  
OF May 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