

I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTION STATUS

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
537-34 (COR)	Therese M. Terlaje	Relative to posthumously expressing the gratitude of the people of Guam and <i>I Liheslaturan Guåhan</i> for the courageous military service of †Navy Steward Mate 1st Class Ignacio Camacho Farfan, who fought and died during the Battle of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941; and to further expressing a sincere <i>Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'</i> for the long-awaited return home of †Navy Steward Mate 1st Class Ignacio Camacho Farfan, after seventy-seven (77) years, to rest peacefully and honorably in his beloved motherland of Guam.	11/5/18 1:50 p.m.	11/8/18 10:00 a.m.	11/7/18 12:28 p.m.					

Resolution No. 537-34 (COR)

Introduced by:

Thomas C. Ada	Tommy Morrison
FRANK B. AGUIRRE, I	Louise B. Mula
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN:

WHEREAS, †Navy Steward Mate 1st Class Ignacio Camacho Farfan was born on January 2, 1920 to †Joaquina Camacho Farfan and †Vicente Cruz Farfan of *I Hagatña*. Ignacio was one of ten (10) siblings. Before enlisting in the United States Navy, he worked for the Capt. Henry B. Price Elementary School in *Mangilao*. His parents both passed away before his military enlistment; and

WHEREAS, during the U.S. Naval Era on Guam from 1898 to 1941, only ten (10) Guamanians were allowed to join the U.S. military per month. Chamorro men, who enlisted in the U.S. military, were not afforded U.S. citizenship, and like other minority servicemen, they were typically limited to low-level service positions. Despite the obstacles, †Steward Mate First Class Ignacio Camacho Farfan resolved to serve the United States of America and enlisted in the Navy in September 1939 at the age of 19; and

WHEREAS, on December 7, 1941, †Steward Mate 1st Class Ignacio Camacho Farfan was stationed aboard the USS Oklahoma, in Pearl Harbor Hawaii, when the Japanese Imperial Navy Air Service launched an early morning surprise attack, which would signal the United States' entry into World War II. The USS Oklahoma was struck by enemy torpedoes, quickly capsized and sank into Pearl Harbor. †Steward Mate 1st Class Ignacio Camacho Farfan was killed in action. He was twenty-one (21) years old; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 1945, Rosa Farfan received a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, informing her of her brother's death. The Secretary's letter stated that notification could not be made sooner due to the Japanese occupation of Guam, which commenced shortly after the attack of Pearl Harbor, on December 8, 1941; and

WHEREAS, †Steward Mate First Class Ignacio Camacho Farfan was one of the four hundred twenty-nine (429) Navy and Marines personnel aboard the USS Oklahoma that fought courageously; and he was the ultimate sacrifice. Only thirty-five (35) men were identified in the years following the attack on the USS Oklahoma. †Steward Mate First Class Ignacio Camacho Farfan was among the remaining three hundred and eighty-eight (388) unidentified sailors and Marines; and

WHEREAS, the remains of the three hundred and eighty-eight (388) unidentified sailors and Marines were first interred as unknowns in the *Na'nanua and Hagatña* cemeteries in Hawaii. In 1947, all were disinterred in an unsuccessful attempt to identify more personnel. In 1950, all unidentified remains from the USS Oklahoma were buried in sixty-one (61) caskets in thirty-five (35) graves, at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, for many years, the brothers and sisters of †Steward Mate First Class Ignacio Camacho Farfan sought information on his whereabouts but never received a definitive answer. Since then, all nine siblings have passed away; and

WHEREAS, in April 2015, the Department of Defense announced, as part of a policy change that established threshold criteria for disinterment of unknowns, that the unidentified remains of the crewmembers of the USS Oklahoma would be exhumed for DNA analysis, with the goal of returning identified remains to their families. The process began in June 2015, when four graves, two individual and two group graves, were disinterred. As of December 2017, one hundred (100) USS Oklahoma unknowns have been identified by the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Agency; and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2018, the Prisoner of War and Missing in Action Accounting Agency identified the remains of †Navy Steward Mate 1st Class Ignacio Camacho Farfan and notified his niece, Julia Farfan Tedatnac, of Ventura County, California, on May 7, 2018; and

WHEREAS, after seventy-seven (77) years, †Steward Mate First Class Ignacio Camacho Farfan finally returned home on November 5, 2018, and can now rest peacefully in the soil of his beloved motherland of Guam, on November 8, 2018 at the Guam Veterans Cemetery in Piti, with full military honors; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Rules of I Mina'trentai Kuattro Na Liheslaturan Guahan does hereby, on behalf of I Liheslaturan Guahan and the people of Guam, posthumously express the gratitude of the people of Guam and I Liheslaturan Guahan for the courageous military service of †Navy Steward Mate 1st Class Ignacio Camacho Farfan, who fought and died during the Battle of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941, and does further express a sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase'* for the long-awaited return home of †Navy Steward Mate 1st Class Ignacio Camacho Farfan, after seventy-seven (77) years, to rest peacefully and honorably in his beloved motherland of Guam, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules of I Mina'trentai Kuattro Na Liheslaturan Guahan, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Julia Farfan Tedatnac; and the Speaker of the Legislature, †Regina Biscoe Lee, †Michael F.Q. San Nicolas, and †Regina Biscoe Lee.


READ AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF I MINA'TRENTAI KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN ON THE 11th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2018.


 TITIRESE M. TERLAJE
 Acting Speaker


 REGINA BISCOE LEE
 Chairperson, Committee on Rules


 REGINA BISCOE LEE
 Legislative Secretary



 11/08/18

Clerks

From: Senator Therese Terlaje <senatorterlajeguam@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 5, 2018 2:36 PM
To: Senator Therese Terlaje; Senator Dennis Rodriguez, Jr.; Senator Louise Borja Muna; Fernando Esteves; Senator Regine Biscoe Lee; Senator Mary Camacho Torres; Senator Frank B. Aguon; Senator Tom C. Ada; Office of Senator Telena C. Nelson; Senator Tommy A. Morrison; Jim Espaldon; Senator Joe S. San Agustin; Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas; Wil Castro
Cc: Clerks; Guam MIS; Tom Unsiog
Subject: PRESENTATION NOTICE FOR RESOLUTION 537-34 (COR)

November 5, 2018

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Honorable Senators
FROM: Acting Speaker Therese M. Terlaje
SUBJECT: Resolution Presentation

Buenas yan Hafa Adai!

Your presence is kindly requested at the presentation of **Resolution No. 537-34 (COR)**- Relative to expressing posthumously the gratitude of the people of Guam and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for the courageous military service of †Navy Steward Mate 1st Class Ignacio Camacho Farfan, who fought and died during the Battle of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii on December 7, 1941; and to further expressing a sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for the long-awaited return home of †Navy Steward Mate 1st Class Ignacio Camacho Farfan, after 77 years, to rest peacefully and honorably in his beloved motherland of Guam.

Date: Thursday, November 8, 2018

Time: 10:00 AM (Memorial Service begins)

Place: Guam Veterans Cemetery Chapel, Piti

CC: Clerks
MIS
Sergeant-At-Arms

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'

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The Office of Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje

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I MINA'TRENTAI KUÁTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
2018 (Second) Regular Session

Resolution No. 537-34(COR)

Introduced by:

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

3 **WHEREAS, †Navy Steward Mate 1st Class Ignacio Camacho Farfan was born**
4 **on January 2, 1920 to †Joaquina Camacho Farfan and †Vicente Cruz Farfan of *Hågatña*.**

1 Ignacio was one of ten (10) siblings. Before enlisting in the United States Navy, he
2 worked for the Capt. Henry B. Price Elementary School in *Mangilao*. His parents both
3 passed away before his military enlistment; and

4 **WHEREAS**, during the U.S. Naval Era on Guam from 1898 to 1941, only ten
5 (10) Guamanians were allowed to join the U.S. military per month. Chamorro men, who
6 enlisted in the U.S. military, were not afforded U.S. citizenship, and like other minority
7 servicemen, they were typically limited to low-level service positions. Despite the
8 obstacles, †Steward Mate First Class Ignacio Camacho Farfan resolved to serve the
9 United States of America and enlisted in the Navy in September 1939 at the age of 19;
10 and

11 **WHEREAS**, on December 7, 1941, †Steward Mate 1st Class Ignacio Camacho
12 Farfan was stationed aboard the USS Oklahoma, in Pearl Harbor Hawaii, when the
13 Japanese Imperial Navy Air Service launched an early morning surprise attack, which
14 would signal the United States' entry into World War II. The USS Oklahoma was
15 struck by enemy torpedoes, quickly capsized and sank into Pearl Harbor. †Steward Mate
16 1st Class Ignacio Camacho Farfan was killed in action. He was twenty-one (21) years
17 old; and

18 **WHEREAS**, on February 24, 1945, Rosa Farfan received a letter from the
19 Secretary of the Navy, informing her of her brother's death. The Secretary's letter stated
20 that notification could not be made sooner due to the Japanese occupation of Guam,
21 which commenced shortly after the attack of Pearl Harbor, on December 8, 1941; and

22 **WHEREAS**, †Steward Mate First Class Ignacio Camacho Farfan was one of the
23 four hundred twenty-nine (429) Navy and Marines personnel aboard the USS Oklahoma
24 that fought courageously and gave the ultimate sacrifice. Only thirty-five (35) men were
25 identified in the years following the attack on the USS Oklahoma. †Steward Mate First

1 Class Ignacio Camacho Farfan was among the remaining three hundred and eighty-
2 eight (388) unidentified sailors and Marines; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the remains of the three hundred eighty-eight (388) unidentified
4 sailors and Marines were first interred as unknowns in the *Nu'uaniu* and *Halawa*
5 cemeteries in Hawaii. In 1947, all were disinterred, in an unsuccessful attempt to
6 identify more personnel. In 1950, all unidentified remains from the USS Oklahoma
7 were buried in sixty-one (61) caskets in forty-five (45) graves, at the National Memorial
8 Cemetery of the Pacific, in Hawaii; and

9 **WHEREAS**, for many years, the brothers and sisters of †Steward Mate First
10 Class Ignacio Camacho Farfan sought information on his whereabouts but never
11 received a definitive answer. Since then, all nine siblings have passed away; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in April 2015, the Department of Defense announced, as part of a
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20 **WHEREAS**, on April 10, 2018, the Prisoner of War and Missing in Action
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22 Camacho Farfan and notified his niece, Julia Farfan Tedtaotao, of Ventura County,
23 California, on May 7, 2018; and

24 **WHEREAS**, after seventy-seven (77) years, †Steward Mate First Class Ignacio
25 Camacho Farfan finally returned home on November 5, 2018, and can now rest

1 peacefully in the soil of his beloved motherland, this day, November 8, 2018, at the
2 Guam Veterans Cemetery in Piti, with full military honors; now therefore, be it

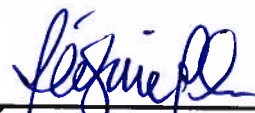
3 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Kuåttro Na*
4 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
5 of Guam, posthumously express the gratitude of the people of Guam and *I Liheslaturan*
6 *Guåhan* for the courageous military service of †Navy Steward Mate 1st Class Ignacio
7 Camacho Farfan, who fought and died during the Battle of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on
8 December 7, 1941; and does further express a sincere *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'*
9 for the long-awaited return home of †Navy Steward Mate 1st Class Ignacio Camacho
10 Farfan, after seventy-seven (77) years, to rest peacefully and honorably in his beloved
11 motherland of Guam; and be it further

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
13 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
14 the same be thereafter transmitted to Mrs. Julia Farfan Tedtaotao; and to the Honorable
15 Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'låhen Guåhan*.

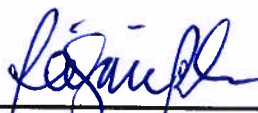
**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 7TH DAY
OF NOVEMBER 2018.**



THERESE M. TERLAJE
Acting Speaker



RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Legislative Secretary

Senator Thomas C. Ada,
Vice Chairperson

Vice Speaker Therese M. Terlaje,
Member

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.,
Member

Senator Telena C. Nelson,



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SENATOR RÉGINE BISCOE LEE, CHAIR
 SIKRITARIAN LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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COMMITTEE VOTING SHEET

Resolution No. 537-34 (COR) – Therese M. Terlaje. – “Relative to posthumously expressing the gratitude of the people of Guam and *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* for the courageous military service of †Navy Steward Mate 1st Class Ignacio Camacho Farfan, who fought and died during the Battle of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941; and to further expressing a sincere *Un Dangkolo Na Si Yu'os Ma'åse'* for the long-awaited return home of †Navy Steward Mate 1st Class Ignacio Camacho Farfan, after seventy-seven (77) years, to rest peacefully and honorably in his beloved motherland of Guam.”

	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Legislative Secretary Régine Biscoe Lee Chairperson	E-VOTE	11/07/18	✓		
Senator Thomas C. Ada Vice Chairperson	E-VOTE	11/07/18	✓		
Vice-Speaker Therese M. Terlaje Member	TAA	11/07/18	✓		
Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. Member					
Senator Telena Cruz Nelson Member	E-VOTE	11/07/18	✓		
Senator Dennis G. Rodriguez, Jr. Member					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Member	E-VOTE	11/07/18	✓		
Senator Michael F.Q. San Nicolas Member	E-VOTE	11/07/18	✓		
Senator James V. Espaldon Minority Leader					
Senator Mary Camacho Torres Minority Member					
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