




**I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS**

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36-35 (COR)	Amanda L. Shelton Régine Biscoe Lee Tina Rose Muña Barnes	Relative to expressing <i>I Mina'Trentai Singko na Liheslaturan Guáhan's</i> unwavering support for the payment of war claims to our manámkó' and the support of Congressman Michael San Nicolas's H.R. 1141, as well as Governor Lou Leon Guerrero in finding an Administrative solution to authorizing the U.S. Department of Treasury to begin issuing war claim payments.	2/13/19 3:18 p.m.							

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Resolution No. 30-35 (COR)

Introduced by:

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

3 **WHEREAS**, Guam was occupied by Japanese Imperial forces during World War
4 II causing great harm and suffering to the Chamorro people. Since that time other
5 communities in the Pacific and in the United States have been recognized and
6 compensated for the hardships and suffering they endured during World II while the
7 people of Guam continue to await the same recognition and compensation;

8 **WHEREAS**, the United States signed the Treaty of Peace with Japan in 1951
9 waiving its World War II reparation claims against Japan which included claims made
10 by people of all its territories to include Guam; and

11 **WHEREAS**, in 1971 the US enacted Public Law 92-39, the Micronesian Claims
12 Act giving recognition and compensation to the people of the Northern Mariana Islands

1 and other US Trust Territories of Pacific Islands for the suffering the endured during
2 World War II. This Act however did not include the people of Guam; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the 2017 National Defense Authorization Act included a provision
4 to finally authorize the payment of war claims to the people of Guam using Section 30
5 funds. Section 30 funds are authorized by the Organic Act of Guam, an act of the U.S.
6 Congress, which states that all customs, duties and federal income taxes derived from
7 Guam and all proceeds of all taxes of collected under the internal revenue laws of the
8 United States of products produced or consumed on Guam and any other tax Congress
9 may levy on the inhabitants of Guam must be remitted to the Government of Guam.
10 Congress has since garnished a portion of these funds for the payment of war claims;
11 and

12 **WHEREAS**, nearly 3,000 people on Guam have filed timely war claim
13 applications with U.S. Department of Justice's Foreign Claims Settlement Commission
14 which continue to be adjudicated. However, the United States Treasury has informed
15 Guam that while original language in the National Defense Authorization Act provided
16 an authorization for the payment of war claims, it did not provide a necessary
17 appropriation of these funds; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Congressman Michael San Nicolas has introduced H.R. 1141 in the
19 116th Congress to provide the necessary appropriation language to pay out Guam war
20 claims. Governor Lou Leon Guerrero has also pledged to seek an administrative
21 solution with the U.S. Department of Treasury and the U.S. Department of the Interior,
22 therefore be it

23 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Singko Na*
24 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
25 of Guam, wholeheartedly support Congressman Michael San Nicolas's H.R. 1141 and
26 urge the United States Congress swiftly pass H.R. 1141 to appropriate funds already

1 authorized in law to make such payments. *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people of
2 Guam also support the efforts of Governor Lou Leon Guerrero to seek an administrative
3 solution with the U.S. Department of the Interior and U.S. Department of the Treasury
4 on this issue and finally pay war claims to the people of Guam who have waited seventy
5 four years to see this through; 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 Congressman Michael San Nicolas, Rep. Nita
9 Lowey, Chairwoman of the House Committee on Appropriations, Rep. Kay Granger,
10 Ranking Member of the House Committee on Appropriations, Sen. Patrick Leahy, the
11 Chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, Sen. Richard Shelby, Chairman
12 of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, Steven Mnuchin, the Secretary of the U.S.
13 Treasury, David Bernhardt, the Acting Secretary of Interior, and to the Honorable
14 Lourdes Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE DAY
OF 2019.**

TINA ROSE MUÑA-BARNES
Speaker

RÉGINE BISCOE LEE
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

AMANDA L. SHELTON
Legislative Secretary