

IMINA'TRENTAI OCHO 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 |
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| 24-38 (COR)    | Therese M. Terlaje<br>Tina Rose Muña-Barnes<br>Frank F. Blas, Jr.<br>Chris Barnett<br>William A. Parkinson<br>Sabina Flores Perez<br>Joe S. San Agustin<br>V. Anthony Ada<br>Vincent A.V. Borja<br>Shelly V. Calvo<br>Christopher M. Dueñas<br>Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao<br>Jesse A. Lujan<br>Sabrina Salas Matanane<br>Telo T. Taitague | Relative to posthumously recognizing the late Honorable †Theodore “Ted” Sgambelluri Nelson, former Senator, for his dedication to our island and the people of Guam, and commemorating his legacy of service; and further expressing condolences to his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam. | 2/24/25<br>5:07 p.m. | 2/27/25<br>10:00 a.m. | 2/26/25<br>3:56 p.m. |               |             |                     |                           |       |

***I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2025 (FIRST) Regular Session**

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

3        **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable †Theodore Sgambelluri Nelson, fondly known  
4        as “Ted,” was born on May 17, 1935, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Melquiades  
5        Torres Nelson and Laura Camacho Sgambelluri; and the late Honorable †Ted Nelson

1 was a longtime Guam educator, a six (6)-term Senator, and Vice Speaker of *I*  
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* (the Guam Legislature); and

3 **WHEREAS**, a former *Hagåtña* resident and later a resident of *Mongmong-Toto-*  
4 *Maite* and then a resident of *Pågat, Mangilao*, former Senator †Ted Nelson was happily  
5 married to the love of his life, the late †Gloria “Lola” Camacho Borja Nelson, and by  
6 the grace of God they raised four (4) children and had two (2) adopted children:  
7 Gwendolyn Marila Nelson Taimanglo; Theodore “Ted” Dwight Borja Nelson, Jr.;  
8 Glenn Raffaeli Borja Nelson; Rhonda Therese Nelson Calvo; Mary Wenty Adelbai; and  
9 Faik Erbelau; and

10 **WHEREAS**, with their growing family and an abundance of love, the late †Ted  
11 and †Gloria Nelson also helped to raise their twelve (12) grandchildren: Telena  
12 Monique Nelson, Desiree Taimanglo Ventura married to Jeffrey Ventura, Laura Beth  
13 Nelson-Cepeda married to Bryon Cepeda, Theodore Dwight Nelson II, Tatiana Marie  
14 Nelson, Gloria Asuncion Nelson San Agustin married to Andre’ San Agustin, Jose  
15 *Maga’låhi* Nelson, Juliana Marie Nelson, Seth Edward Calvo, Koyungil Eden Wenty,  
16 Sarah Wenty Key, and Dr. Myra Wenty Adelbai Fraser; and their ten (10) great-  
17 grandchildren: Aramiah Gabrielle Cepeda, Giovanni Paolo Cepeda, Vicente Jose  
18 Ventura, Luca Salvatore Cepeda, Theo Raffaeli Cepeda, Theodore Dwight Borja  
19 Nelson III, Lilia Grace Ventura, Lola Milan Cepeda, Aila Vittoria Cepeda, and Jordan  
20 Wenty Key; and

21 **WHEREAS**, in 1955, the late †Ted Nelson graduated from George Washington  
22 High School (GWHS) in *Mangilao*; and he then pursued higher education and attended  
23 the University of Guam where he earned his Associate of Arts Degree in 1957. Later,  
24 he went on to earn a Bachelor’s Degree from Ohio State University in 1960; and in

1 1967, he earned a Master's Degree in Supervision Education from the University of  
2 New Mexico; and

3 **WHEREAS**, from 1962 to 1964, late †Ted Nelson, along with his wife †Gloria,  
4 were transferred to serve in the Republic of Palau, formerly a part of the Trust Territory  
5 of the Pacific Islands, where they established and opened the first high school in Koror,  
6 Palau; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the late †Ted Nelson returned home to Guam to continue his  
8 longtime service as an educator and school administrator in Guam's public school  
9 system, where he taught Health, Physical Education, and Science at George Washington  
10 Junior High School (GWJHS) and John F. Kennedy High School (JFKHS) from 1960  
11 through 1962, and again from 1964 to 1965. He became the Vice Principal of both  
12 George Washington Junior High School and John F. Kennedy High School in 1967, and  
13 served as the Principal of George Washington Junior and Senior High School from 1968  
14 to 1971; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in 1971, †Ted Nelson, advocating for his students, challenged the  
16 Education Board of the Guam Department of Education (GDOE) during a special Board  
17 meeting, and GDOE responded by suspending him from his duties as the Principal of  
18 GWHS. When the GW students found out about this, they created the "Student Action  
19 Committee for Restoration of Mr. Ted Nelson," an ad hoc group of student government  
20 leaders and other students. On the morning of April 21, 1971, students gathered in front  
21 of the school and were bedecked in red armbands and headbands with "Nelson" printed  
22 on them to protest his suspension and did not attend classes until †Ted Nelson was  
23 successfully reinstated as GW Principal; and

1       **WHEREAS**, throughout the 1970s, †Ted Nelson continued in his public service  
2 to the island community serving as a Special Assistant to elected Republican Governor  
3 †Carlos G. Camacho and later to Democratic Governor †Ricardo J. Bordallo; and

4       **WHEREAS**, with his continued growth in public service, †Ted Nelson and  
5 Attorney †Joaquin C. Arriola ran as a team in the 1974 Gubernatorial Election, but lost  
6 in Guam’s Primary Election that year. The loss did not disrupt †Ted Nelson’s passion  
7 for policymaking, but proved to be instrumental in focusing on his contributions for the  
8 betterment of the people of Guam; and he had also served as the delegate from  
9 *Mongmong-Toto-Maite* to the 1977 Guam Constitutional Convention, where he also  
10 served as Secretary; and

11       **WHEREAS**, in 1982, †Ted Nelson ran for Senator of the Guam Legislature as a  
12 Democrat and was elected to serve in the 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 22nd, and 23rd Guam  
13 Legislatures. He served for a total of six (6) legislative terms, or twelve (12) years, from  
14 the early 1980s to the late 1990s, where he chaired the legislative committees on  
15 General Government Operations, Micronesian Affairs, Economic and Agricultural  
16 Development, and Insurance; and he was elected by his colleagues to serve as Vice  
17 Speaker in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Guam Legislatures from 1989 to 1991 and from 1995 to  
18 1997; and

19       **WHEREAS**, during his terms as Vice Speaker and Senator, he authored  
20 landmark and pivotal legislation which became public laws for the benefit of the people  
21 of Guam, such as: Public Law 17-35, which declared the month of May as “Senior  
22 Citizens Month” to express the public sentiment benefitting senior citizens and  
23 celebrating a month-long observance; Public Law 17-81, which established a human  
24 resources agency within the government of Guam to be responsible for the coordination

1 of manpower needs and the assessment of employment programs that fall under the  
2 provisions of local and federal statutes; Public Law 20-182, which was known as the  
3 “Toxic Substances Exposure Compensation Act of 1990,” to help compensate the  
4 residents of Guam that were constantly being exposed to a large number of dangerous  
5 chemical substances and mixtures; as a co-sponsor of Bill No. 828 (COR) alongside the  
6 late former Senator †Elizabeth Perez Arriola, which became Public Law 20-134, to  
7 protect the unborn children of Guam and to conduct an Abortion Referendum at the  
8 island-wide general election in 1990; Public Law 22-115, requiring the closure of the  
9 Ordot Landfill; Public Law 23-44, which amended the definition of “Peace Officer,”  
10 and which bolstered the contingent of Customs Officers at our ports of entry in an effort  
11 to boost the “War on Drugs” campaign; Public Law 23-105 that established the Ethics  
12 Commission and prescribed standards of conduct for employees of the government of  
13 Guam; and other pieces of legislation to help our island and enhance the quality of life  
14 of the people of Guam; and

15       **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Vice Speaker †Ted Nelson demonstrated his  
16 commitment to regional collaboration and leadership through his service in the  
17 Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL), where he held key leadership roles,  
18 including serving as Vice Speaker during the 1994-1995 term, Vice President during  
19 the 1995-1996 term, and continuing as Vice President during the 1996-1997 term until  
20 December 31, 1996, representing Guam with dedication and working to strengthen ties  
21 among the Pacific islands and advancing the quality of life in the Pacific island nations;  
22 and

23       **WHEREAS**, among his many accomplishments, the late Honorable †Ted Nelson  
24 was elected to serve as the first *CHamoru* President of the South Pacific Games Council

1 in 1977; and he was also elected to serve as the first *CHamoru* director of the first  
2 Soapbox Derby, and the first *CHamoru* secretary of a Tokyo Association; and he helped  
3 to establish the *Dededo* Flea Market, the first JROTC program on Guam at GWJHS,  
4 and the first marching band in a Guam high school; and

5 **WHEREAS**, after serving the island as an elected official, the late Honorable  
6 †Ted Nelson continued in his leadership, actively participating and being proactive in  
7 community public hearings and government and community events to ensure that the  
8 policies being discussed benefitted the island; and he continued to be a champion for an  
9 equitable government for the people of Guam, and he was an outspoken advocate for  
10 the “Land for the Landless” program and for people who had lost their land to land  
11 takings; and he was steadfast and active in his support of his wife †Lola’s work for the  
12 students in the Guam Department of Education, the utility ratepayers of Guam, and for  
13 justice for the “*Lola Cola*” retirees; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Vice Speaker †Ted Nelson was a pillar of  
15 strength, faith, and humility, whose unwavering love for his family and community left  
16 an indelible mark on all who knew him; and being the rock of his family, he was a man  
17 who embraced forgiveness, spoke only with kindness, and lived with an unshakable  
18 positivity that was deeply rooted in the lessons he carried from the trials of war; and  
19 despite his passing at the age of eighty-nine (89) on February 10, 2025, his legacy of  
20 courage, faith, and selflessness endures through the values he instilled in his loved ones,  
21 his lifelong devotion to doing what is right, and the countless sacrifices he made for  
22 others; and he will always be remembered not only for being a dedicated public servant  
23 and a member of the greatest generation, but as the heart and soul of his family, a man

1 who taught them to thank God every day, be humble, and above all, to “pray-pray-  
2 pray”; now therefore, be it

3 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na*  
4 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and the people  
5 of Guam, posthumously recognize the late Honorable †Theodore “Ted” Sgambelluri  
6 Nelson, former Senator and Vice Speaker, for his dedication to our island and the people  
7 of Guam, and commemorate his legacy of service; and further express condolences to  
8 his family on his passing, on behalf of the people of Guam; 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 the family of the late Honorable †Theodore “Ted”  
12 Sgambelluri Nelson; and to the Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan*  
13 *Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF  
I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY  
OF FEBRUARY 2025.**



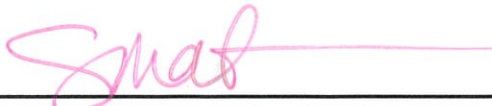
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**Frank F. Blas, Jr.**  
Speaker



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**V. Anthony Ada**  
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



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**Sabrina Salas Matanane**  
Legislative Secretary



## COMMITTEE ON RULES

VICE SPEAKER V. ANTHONY ADA, CHAIRPERSON

*I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

*38<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature*

### COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

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|                                                               | INITIAL | DATE    | TO<br>ADOPT | TO NOT<br>ADOPT | TO<br>ABSTAIN |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada</b><br>Chairperson             | E-VOTE  | 2/26/25 | X           |                 |               |
| <b>Senator Christopher M. Dueñas</b><br>Vice Chairperson      | E-VOTE  | 2/26/25 | X           |                 |               |
| <b>Speaker Frank F. Blas, Jr.</b><br>Member                   | E-VOTE  | 2/26/25 | X           |                 |               |
| <b>Legislative Secretary Sabrina Salas Matanane</b><br>Member |         |         |             |                 |               |
| <b>Senator Vincent A.V. Borja</b><br>Member                   |         |         |             |                 |               |
| <b>Senator Shelly Calvo</b><br>Member                         | E-VOTE  | 2/26/25 | X           |                 |               |
| <b>Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao</b><br>Member             |         |         |             |                 |               |
| <b>Senator Jesse Anderson Lujan</b><br>Member                 | E-VOTE  | 2/26/25 | X           |                 |               |
| <b>Senator Telo Teresa Taitague</b><br>Member                 | E-VOTE  | 2/26/25 | X           |                 |               |
| <b>Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes</b><br>Minority Member       | E-VOTE  | 2/26/25 | X           |                 |               |
| <b>Senator Joe S. San Agustin</b><br>Minority Member          |         |         |             |                 |               |
| <b>For Sponsor's Office Use Only</b>                          |         |         |             |                 |               |
| Sponsor Signature: <i>Therese M. Terlaje</i>                  |         |         |             |                 |               |
| Staff Contact Person: <b>MARIE CRUZ</b>                       |         |         |             |                 |               |
| <b>For COR/Clerk's Office Use Only</b>                        |         |         |             |                 |               |
| <u>7</u> Certified _____ Returned _____                       |         |         |             |                 |               |
| Name: Zada Hernandez-Padilla                                  |         |         |             |                 |               |
| Date: February 26, 2025 at 3:56 p.m.                          |         |         |             |                 |               |
| Notes:                                                        |         |         |             |                 |               |



OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER  
**FRANK F. BLAS, JR.**

38<sup>TH</sup> GUAM LEGISLATURE – *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

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February 17, 2025

**MEMORANDUM**

To: All Senators

From: Speaker Frank F. Blas, Jr.

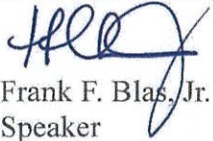
**Subject: First Notice – Call to Session for State Funeral – Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.**

*Håfa Adai,*

*I Liheslaturan Guåhan* will be called into Session on **Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.** in the **Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco Legislative Session Hall** in the **Guam Congress Building** for the purpose of conducting **State Memorial Services** for the late **Honorable Theodore “Ted” Nelson**, former Vice Speaker. **State services will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m.**

The session will be broadcast on GTA Channel 21, Docomo Channel 117 or 112-4 and at [http://www.guamlegislature.gov/live\\_feed.htm](http://www.guamlegislature.gov/live_feed.htm). A recording of the session will be available online via Guam Legislature Media on YouTube after the session. Please email [speakerblas@guamlegislature.gov](mailto:speakerblas@guamlegislature.gov) or call (671) 969-6456, if you require any special accommodations or further information.

*Si Yu'os Ma'åse',*

  
Frank F. Blas, Jr.  
Speaker