



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

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	NOTES
143-36 (LS)	Therese M. Terlaje Jose "Pedro" Terlaje	Relative to expressing the support of <i>I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guðhan</i> and advocating for the passage of H.R. 3730, which seeks to amend Title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veteran Affairs an Advisory Committee on United States Outlying Areas and Freely Associated States, and for other purposes.	8/6/21 12:35 p.m.							

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**2021 (FIRST) Regular Session**

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Introduced by:

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

3           **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs offers business, death,  
4 education, employment, financial, health, housing, legal advocacy and assistance,  
5 memorial, recreation, state government services, tax, and territory government services  
6 benefits to all United States military veterans; and

7           **WHEREAS**, Guam, which according to the 2010 Island Area Census conducted  
8 by the U.S. Census Bureau has the highest percentage of veterans at 7.9 percent among  
9 the U.S. territories, should have access to the benefits offered by the U.S. Department  
10 of Veteran Affairs; and

11           **WHEREAS**, Guam veterans in the past and present have vocalized their concern  
12 over the inadequate care they have received from the U.S. Department of Veterans  
13 Affairs, stating experiences such as medical claims never being processed, the island

1 having no specialized treatment facilities, and under-staffing at VA Guam Community-  
2 Based Outpatient Clinic, the island’s only veteran outpatient care site; and

3 **WHEREAS**, to resolve benefit disparities, Honorable Delegate Gregorio Kilili  
4 Camacho Sablan introduced to the House of Representatives H.R. 3730 with ten co-  
5 sponsors, which includes Guam’s Honorable Delegate Michael F. Q. San Nicholas; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the purpose of H.R. 3730 is to establish in the Department of  
7 Veterans Affairs an Advisory Committee on United States Outlying Areas and Freely  
8 Associated States; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Advisory Committee will be comprised of 15 voting members  
10 appointed to represent covered veterans in eight remote areas of the world, one of them  
11 being Guam; and

12 **WHEREAS**, the duty of Guam’s Advisory Committee member representative  
13 will include:

14 “(1) To advise the Secretary on matters relating to covered veterans, including  
15 how the Secretary can improve the programs and services of the Department to better  
16 serve such veterans.

17 “(2) To identify for the Secretary evolving issues of relevance to covered  
18 veterans.

19 “(3) To propose clarifications, recommendations, and solutions to address issues  
20 raised by covered veterans.

21 “(4) To provide a forum for covered veterans, veterans service organizations  
22 serving covered veterans, and the Department to discuss issues and proposals for  
23 changes to regulations, policies, and procedures of the Department.

24 “(5) To identify priorities for and provide advice to the Secretary on appropriate  
25 strategies for consultation with veterans service organizations serving covered veterans.

26 “(6) To encourage the secretary to work with other departments and agencies of  
27 the Federal Government and Congress to ensure covered veterans are provided the full  
28 benefits of their status as covered veterans.

29 “(7) To highlight contributions of covered veterans in the Armed Forces.

1           “(8) To conduct other duties as determined appropriate by the Secretary.”; now  
2 therefore, be it

3           **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on  
4 behalf of the people of Guam, stand in support and advocate for the passage of H.R.  
5 3730, which seeks to amend Title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department  
6 of Veteran Affairs an Advisory Committee on United States Outlying Areas and Freely  
7 Associated States, and for other purposes; and be it further

8           **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the  
9 adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the Speaker of  
10 the House Nancy Pelosi; Honorable Representative Mark Takano, Chairman of the  
11 House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs; Honorable Delegate from the Northern  
12 Marianas Islands Gregorio Kilili Camacho; Honorable Delegate from Guam Michael F.  
13 Q. San Nicholas; Honorable Representative from California Julia Brownley; Honorable  
14 Delegate from America Samoa Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen; Honorable  
15 Delegate from the U.S. Virgin Islands Stacey E. Plaskett; Honorable Resident  
16 Commissioner from Puerto Rico Jenniffer González-Colón; Honorable Representative  
17 from Hawai’i Kaiali’l Kahele; Honorable Representative from Arizona Raul M.  
18 Grijalva; Honorable Representative from Hawai’i Ed Case; Honorable Representative  
19 from Arizona Ruben Gallego; Honorable Representative from New Jersey Albio Sires;  
20 Mr. P. Tim Aguon Director of the Guam Veteran’s Affairs Office; and to the Honorable  
21 Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI SAIS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE DAY OF AUGUST 2021.**

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**THERESE M. TERLAJE**  
Speaker

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**AMANDA L. SHELTON**  
Legislative Secretary