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Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture

Biography for Speaker Therese M. Terlaje

Senator Therese M. Terlaje is currently the Speaker of the 36th Guam Legislature and Chairperson for the Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture. She chaired the Committee on Health, Tourism, Historic Preservation, Land and Justice in the 35th Guam Legislature. In the 34th Guam Legislature, she was Vice Speaker and Chairperson for the Committee on Culture and Justice. She has been a senator of the Guam Legislature since 2017.

Speaker Terlaje is CHamoru from the village of Yona. She received her Juris Doctorate from the UCLA School of Law in 1989, and holds a Biology degree from Creighton University in Nebraska.

Speaker Terlaje is the primary sponsor of Resolution No. 260-36 (COR) in support of H.R. 6504, the Native Pacific Islanders of America Equity Act, Resolution No. 178-36 (COR) in support of H.R. 5338, the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of 2021, Resolution No. 199-36 (LS) in support of H.R. 3967 which would recognize Guam's Agent Orange exposure, and Resolution No. 143-36 (LS) in support of H.R. 3730 which required the Department of Veteran Affairs to establish an Advisory Committee on United States Outlying Areas and Freely Associated States to improve programs and services for veterans.

Prior to being a senator, Speaker Terlaje worked for 27 years as a small business owner, an attorney, legislative counsel for the Guam Legislature, and as a professor at the University of Guam.

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