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Relative to commending and congratulating Ms. Yuri Kim for her outstanding commitment to service of the people of Guam; to recognizing her as the only Foreign Service Officer commissioned who is from Guam; and to extending best wishes to her as she continues her work in diplomatic policy.

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

3 **WHEREAS**, in 1974, at the age of three (3) years, Ms. Yuri Kim, along
4 with her parents, Mr. Kenneth Tae Rang Kim and her late mother, Mrs. Jane
5 Wha-Young Kim, and her brother, Mr. Yeong-Sae Kim, immigrated from
6 Korea to Guam; and

7 **WHEREAS**, she attended high school at the Academy of Our Lady of
8 Guam and graduated in 1989; and in 1993, she went on to receive her
9 Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Pennsylvania.
10 Ms. Kim continued her educational pursuits, and went on to attend
11 Cambridge University, where she received her Master's Degree in Political
12 and Social Theory. Ms. Kim then began working with government and non-
13 government organizations, and was an advocate for the protection of
14 consumer rights in Congressional legislation related to trade as a consumer
15 rights lobbyist in Washington D.C.; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Kim was Political Counselor at the U.S. Embassy in
17 Baghdad from 2009 to 2010. While serving in this capacity, she played a
18 leading role in the negotiations on the law that governed Iraq's first national
19 elections since achieving full sovereignty in 2009, and in directing the U.S.
20 support for the March 2010 national elections in Iraq; and she helped plan and
21 execute the historic transition of the U.S. presence in Iraq from one led by the

1 military to one led by civilians, including the responsible drawdown of U.S.
2 forces in Iraq; and

3 **WHEREAS**, prior to her most recent role, Ms. Kim had served as the
4 Special Assistant to Ambassador Christopher R. Hill, Assistant Secretary of
5 State for East Asia and Pacific Affairs. From 2006 to 2008, she was Chief of the
6 DPRK (North Korea) Affairs Division at the U.S. Department of State; and she
7 was a member of the U.S. delegation to the Six-Party Talks, which was aimed
8 at achieving the denuclearization of North Korea; and

9 **WHEREAS**, in 2003, she was Chief of the Domestic Politics Unit for the
10 U.S. Embassy in Seoul, Korea, where she advised the Ambassador and senior
11 officials in Washington on strategies for engaging incumbent and emerging
12 political leaders in Korea, and she directed a staff of five (5) foreign service
13 officers and local employees; and

14 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Kim also had served as the Special Assistant to the
15 Secretary of State in Washington D.C., managing official actions directed by
16 and requested by Secretary Colin Powell in 2002. From 1996 to 2002, she
17 served as a Political-Military Officer for the U.S. Embassies in Tokyo and
18 Beijing, working with the U.S. military and the local governments to manage
19 political aspects related to the presence of U.S. forces in Japan, and monitor
20 China's relations with Japan, North Korea, and Mongolia; and

21 **WHEREAS**, in preparation for her next assignment as a Political
22 Counselor in Ankara, Turkey, she is learning to speak the Turkish language,

1 in addition to her fluency in the Korean, Mandarin, Japanese, and French
2 languages; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Kim was nominated to the 2009 Academy of Our Lady
4 of Guam’s Hall of Fame, and she attributes her accomplishments and positive
5 attitude as a result of the school’s mission and philosophy, coupled with the
6 relationships she has built with teachers and faculty of the Academy of Our
7 Lady of Guam; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in respect for her mother’s legacy, Ms. Kim, along with her
9 father, Mr. Kenneth T. R. Kim, and her brother, Mr. Yeong-Sae Kim, award
10 scholarships to deserving high school students looking to further their
11 education at the University of Guam; now, therefore, be it

12 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
13 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend Ms. Yuri Kim, a
14 daughter of Guam and the only Foreign Service Officer commissioned, who is
15 from Guam; and does further extend *Un Dångkolo Na Si Yu’os Ma’åse* to her for
16 her dedication and commitment of service to the people of Guam; and be it
17 further

18 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary
19 attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter
20 transmitted to Ms. Yuri Kim; to Mr. Kenneth Tae Rang Kim; to Sister Francis
21 Jerome Cruz, RSM, President of the Academy of our Lady of Guam; to the
22 Most Reverend Anthony S. Apuron, O.F.M., Cap., D.D., Archbishop of the

- 1 Metropolitan Archdiocese of *Agana*; and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
- 2 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 16TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2010.



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed. D.
Speaker



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary