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Relative to recognizing and commending His Holiness Living
Buddha Lian-Sheng, Sheng-Yen Lu, for his achievements and
contributions to world harmony through his Dharma teachings.

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN

GUÁHAN:

WHEREAS, on May 18, 1945, of the Chinese Lunar calendar, His Holiness
Living Buddha Lian-Sheng, Sheng-Yen Lu, was born in a barn by the Niuchou River
at Chiayi’s Houhu District in Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, His Holiness Living Buddha Lian-Sheng, Sheng-Yen Lu, is the
founder and spiritual leader of the True Buddha School, a new Buddhist sect with
teachings taken from Sutrayana and Vajrayana (Tantric Buddhism), as well as
Taoism, with over five million students; and
WHEREAS, His Holiness Living Buddha Sheng-Yen Lu is known as Grand Master Lu, and revered as Living Buddha Lian-Sheng. He is the reincarnation of White Mahapadmakumara, and has received the essence of Vajrayana from Padmasambhava in a series of pure visions; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, during a trip to Taichung’s Jade Emperor Temple, Celestially Venerated Golden Mother of the Jade Pond opened his third eye and bestowed upon him the spiritual hearing ability; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, His Holiness Living Buddha Lian-Sheng established Ling Xian Zong in Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, His Holiness Living Buddha Lian-Sheng established the main True Buddha School Temple, Ling Shen Ching Tze Temple, in Redmond, Washington; and

WHEREAS, the True Buddha School is dedicated to disseminating Buddhist teachings, aligning the world towards unity, and delivering sentient beings from their suffering without rejecting other religious beliefs; and

WHEREAS, the school also absorbs teachings from different religions, and establishes the True Buddha School Tantric Dharma; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, His Holiness Living Buddha Lian-Sheng founded the Sheng-Yen Lu Foundation, a non-profit public charity dedicated to promoting and advancing quality health and education in impoverished communities locally and internationally, which serves all people, regardless of religion, race, age, national origin, ethnicity, gender, physical ability, sexual orientation, or political affiliation; and

WHEREAS, guided by Buddhist principles and the teachings of His Holiness Living Buddha Lian-Sheng, the Foundation is driven by compassion, and the belief that the practice of compassion is an essential part of Buddhism; and
WHEREAS, although the Foundation is motivated by Buddhist principles, its mission and reach encompasses people of all faiths; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the True Buddha School Complete Enlightenment Temple donated a stage for public use at the Tamuning Mayor’s Office Park, along with the Usnisa Vijaya Stupa for world peace; and

WHEREAS, the True Buddha School will also donate funds to the Rigalu Foundation, and to various local charities; and

WHEREAS, more than five million students have taken refuge under His Holiness Living Buddha Lian-Sheng. There are four hundred chapters of the True Buddha School around the world, including forty temples; and

WHEREAS, His Holiness Living Buddha Lian-Sheng has written and published more than 237 books, some of which have been translated to different languages, with more to come. In his books, His Holiness Living Buddha Lian-Sheng describes the stages of his life's journey as learning the Dharma, propagating the Dharma, travel and spiritual retreat; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that I Mina’Trentai Dos na Lihesluran Guåhan does hereby, on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend His Holiness Living Buddha Lian-Sheng, Sheng-Yen Lu, for his achievements and contributions to world harmony through his Dharma teachings; and be it further
RESOLVED, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to His Holiness Living Buddha Lian-Shen, Sheng-Yen Lu; and to the Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo, I Maga'lahen Guåhan.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 1ST DAY OF MAY 2014.

JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.  
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES  
Legislative Secretary