

**I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
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Introduced by:

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T. R. Muna Barnes
v.c. pangelinan

**RELATIVE TO COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING
MS. YURI KIM FOR HER OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT
TO SERVICE OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM; FOR BEING THE
ONLY FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER COMMISSIONED
FROM GUAM; AND TO EXTENDING OUR BEST WISHES
AS SHE CONTINUES HER WORK IN DIPLOMATIC
POLICY.**

BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN

GUÅHAN:

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

WHEREAS, in 1989 she graduated high school at the Academy of Our Lady of Guam and in 1993 went on to receive her bachelor's degree in Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania. Ms. Kim continued her educational career and went on to attend Cambridge University where she received her master's in political and social theory. Immediately after, Ms. Kim began working with government and non-government organizations

1 advocating for the protection of consumer rights in Congressional legislation
2 related to trade as a consumer rights lobbyist in Washington D.C.; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Kim was Political Counselor at the U.S. Embassy in
4 Baghdad from 2009 to 2010, in which capacity she played a leading role in
5 negotiations on the law that governed Iraq's first national election since
6 achieving full sovereignty in 2009, directed U.S. support for the March 2010
7 national elections in Iraq, and helped plan and execute the historic transition
8 of the U.S. presence in Iraq from one led by the military to one led by civilians,
9 including the responsible drawdown of U.S. forces in Iraq; and

10 **WHEREAS**, prior to most recent role, Ms. Kim was Special Assistant to
11 Ambassador Christopher R. Hill, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and
12 Pacific Affairs. From 2006 to 2008, she was Chief of the DPRK (North Korea)
13 Affairs Division at the U.S. Department of State and was a member of the U.S.
14 delegation to the Six-Party Talks aimed at achieving the denuclearization of
15 North Korea; and

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

21 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Kim served as the Special Assistant to the Secretary of
22 State in Washington D.C. managing official actions directed by and requested
23 by Secretary Colin Powell in 2002 and from 1996 to 2002 served as a Political-
24 Military Officer for U.S. Embassies in Tokyo and Beijing working with the

1 U.S. military and the local governments manage political aspects related to the
2 presence of U.S. forces in Japan and monitor China's relations with Japan,
3 North Korea, and Mongolia; and

4 **WHEREAS**, in preparation for her next assignment as a Political
5 Counselor in Ankara, Turkey she is learning to speak Turkish in addition to
6 her fluency in Korean, Mandarin, Japanese, and French; and

7 **WHEREAS**, Ms. Kim who was also nominated to the 2009 Academy of
8 Our Lady of Guam's Hall of Fame attributes her accomplishments and
9 positive attitude as a result of the school's mission and philosophy coupled
10 with the relationships she has built with teachers and faculty of the Academy
11 of Our Lady of Guam; and

12 **WHEREAS**, in respect for her mother's legacy, Ms. Kim along with her
13 father Mr. Kenneth J.R. Kim and brother Mr. Yeong-Sae Kim, award
14 scholarships to deserving high school students looking to further their
15 education at the University of Guam; and *now, therefore, be it*

16 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on
17 behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend Ms. Yuri Kim, a
18 daughter of Guam and the only Foreign Service Officer commissioned from
19 Guam, for her dedication and commitment of service to the people of Guam;
20 *and be it further*

21 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Secretary of the Legislature attest
22 to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
23 Kenneth Tae Rang Kim; to Sister Francis Jerome Cruz, RSM, President of the
24 Academy of our Lady of Guam; to the Most Reverend Anthony S. Apuron,

- 1 O.F.M., Cap., D.D, the Archbishop of Metropolitan Archdiocese of Agana; and
- 2 to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY I MINA' TRENTA NA
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE ____ DAY OF JANUARY 2010.**

Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker

Tina Rose Muna Barnes
Senator and
Secretary of the Legislature