




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RELATIVE TO URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS IN CALLING UPON THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO INSURE THAT THEIR NATION'S YOUTH WILL NOT BE DENIED ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION BECAUSE OF THEIR FAITH.

1 **WHEREAS**, the Bahá'í Faith was founded more than a century and a half ago,
2 and follows the teachings of Bahá'u'lláh whose name in Arabic means Glory to God;
3 and

4 **WHEREAS**, the acceptance of the Bahá'u'lláh teachings carries with it the
5 commitment to strive for individual spiritual maturity and to participate in collective
6 efforts to build a prosperous society and contribute to the common weal; and

7 **WHEREAS**, there are around five million (5,000,000) Bahá'í's established in
8 virtually every country and independent territory of the world and from nearly every
9 ethnic group, culture, profession, and social and economic background; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the unity of mankind, the elimination of prejudice, equality of the
11 sexes, loyalty to government and working toward universal peace are among the
12 principles embodied in the Bahá'í Faith; and

1 **WHEREAS**, throughout the past century, the Bahá'ís of Iran have been
2 persecuted solely on the basis of religious intolerance by Islamic leaders; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the persecution includes denial of higher education, confiscation
4 and destruction of personal property and businesses, harassment and false
5 imprisonment, torture and execution; and

6 **WHEREAS**, after systematic efforts by the Islamic Republic of Iran denied
7 Bahá'í students enrollment in universities, in 1987 the Bahá'ís opened the Bahá'í
8 Institute for Higher Education (BIHE) in homes scattered throughout Iran; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the 1993 document of the Islamic Republic of Iran entitled “The
10 Bahá'í Question”, states official government policy to eradicate the Bahá'í community
11 and for government agencies to ensure that “progress and development” of the
12 Bahá'ís “are blocked,” with explicit directives that Baha'is “must be expelled from
13 universities”; and

14 **WHEREAS**, in May 2011 BIHE was declared illegal by Iran's Ministry of
15 Science, Research and Technology; and

16 **WHEREAS**, at the same time 36 of the BIHE professors were seized in their
17 homes, charged with “crimes against humanity”, and “spreading corruption on earth”
18 and in October 2011 received four- or five-year prison sentences; now, therefore, be it

19 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina'Trentai Unu Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
20 on behalf of the people of Guam, urge the Congress and the President of the United
21 States to continue their efforts in calling upon the Islamic Republic of Iran to insure
22 that their nation's youth will not be denied access to the best and most useful higher
23 education because of their faith, and be it further

24 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
25 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to the
26 Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam Delegate to the United States Congress; to

1 the Honorable Barack Obama, President of the United States of America; to the
2 Honorable Hillary R. Clinton, Secretary of State; to the Honorable Ileana Ros-
3 Lehtinen, Chairman, U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs; to the Honorable
4 John F. Kerry, Chairman, U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations; to the
5 Honorable Eddie Baza Calvo, *I Maga'lahenGuåhan*, to Ms. Bani Dugal (New York)
6 Principal Representative of the Baha'I International Community to the United
7 Nations (uno-nyc@bic.org) and to Ms. Barbara Jamison, Secretary, National Spiritual
8 Assembly of the Baha'is of the Mariana Islands, P.O. Box BA Hagatna GU 96932.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA*
LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THIS DAY OF , 2012.**

JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED.D
Speaker

TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES
Legislative Secretary