

I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Resolutions Log Sheet

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Referred	Committee / Ofc Referred	Date Adopted
307-32 (COR)	Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D., T.R. Muna Barnes, B.J.F. Cruz	Relative to recognizing and commending the members of Soka Gakkai International (SGI) USA, Guam for their tireless efforts and dedication in promoting world peace; and to further congratulating the members on the Thirty-Ninth (39th) Anniversary of the founding of SGI.	1/14/14 @ 12:06 p.m.	01/18/14			

I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2014 (SECOND) Regular Session

Resolution No. 307- 32 (COR)

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Relative to recognizing and commending PRESIDENT DAISAKU IKEDA AND MRS. KANEKO IKEDA OF SOKA GAKKAI INTERNATIONAL (SGI) for their tireless efforts and dedication in promoting world peace; and to further congratulating the members of Guam on the Thirty-Ninth (39th) Year Anniversary of the founding of SGI.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I***
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:***

3 **WHEREAS, in response to the needs of an increasingly global community of**
4 **Soka Gakkai members, the Soka Gakkai International (SGI) was formed in Guam on**

1 January 26, 1975; and on that same day thirty-nine (39) years ago, one hundred fifty-
2 eight (158) delegates from fifty-one (51) countries met for the first World Peace
3 Conference, nominating Dr. Daisaku Ikeda, then President of Soka Gakkai, to head
4 the new Soka Gakkai International; and

5 **WHEREAS**, Guam was selected as the venue to conduct the First World Peace
6 Conference, given that the *Chamorro* people suffered so terribly from the ravages of
7 World War II; and

8 **WHEREAS**, from this auspicious occasion, the delegates founded SGI, and
9 thus began the worldwide grassroots activities of peace, education and culture, based
10 on the humanistic outlook of Nichiren Buddhism; and

11 **WHEREAS**, today, SGI is a worldwide network with ninety (90) constituent
12 organizations and more than twelve million (12,000,000) members in one hundred
13 ninety-two (192) countries and territories, sharing a common vision of global peace
14 and prosperity; and for thirty (30) years it has been accredited as a non-governmental
15 organization (NGO) by the United Nations (UN); and

16 **WHEREAS**, from 1983 to the present, Dr. Ikeda has introduced peace
17 proposals each year addressing the power of dialogue, the adoption of a Universal
18 Declaration Renouncing War, and the need for mutual respect in cultural exchange;
19 and he further cited the important role of the United Nations in maintaining global
20 security, while challenging the UN to become more representative of the people,
21 rather than just nation states; and

22 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Ikeda has been a continuing source of inspiration for the SGI's
23 global grassroots activities in such areas as human rights protection, nuclear abolition,
24 disarmament, sustainable development and cultural exchange; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the Guam members of the SGI resolve to contribute to the
2 prosperity of their respective societies, while respecting individual cultures, customs
3 and laws; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the members of SGI-USA, Guam, have pursued community
5 activities by encouraging the advancement of innovative ideas that focus on positive
6 changes that promote a stronger, stable, and more sustainable world, beginning with
7 the self and extending into the local community and expanding throughout our global
8 society to advance the cause of peace in dedication to the commitment by Dr. Ikeda;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, in January 2000, SGI-USA, Guam, commemorated the Twenty-
11 Fifth (25th) Year Anniversary of the founding of SGI by co-sponsoring, with the
12 University of Guam, the Soka University of America and SGI-USA, the First Pacific
13 Islands New Millennium Peace Conference; and

14 **WHEREAS**, the Conference brought together government leaders and high
15 chiefs from many of the Pacific Islands to share their memories of the Pacific War and
16 resolve to never again allow such violence; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in January 2005, SGI-USA, Guam, commemorated the Thirtieth
18 (30th) Year Anniversary of the founding of SGI by hosting numerous commemorative
19 events in the name of peace, including the opening of two (2) traveling exhibits,
20 “Building a Culture of Peace for the Children of the World” and “Morehouse
21 College’s Gandhi, King, Ikeda: A Legacy of Building Peace”; and these traveling
22 exhibits were displayed at the Office of the Governor of Guam, the University of
23 Guam, and the Guam Community College; and

24 **WHEREAS**, SGI-USA, Guam, hosted the Second Pacific Islands New
25 Millennium Peace Conference for educators, focusing on “Humanistic Education:

1 Fostering a Culture of Peace,” and sponsored a cultural festival celebrating the diverse
2 culture of humankind; and

3 **WHEREAS**, in January 2007, SGI-USA, on the Thirty-Second (32nd) Year
4 Anniversary of the founding of SGI-USA, Guam, realized another milestone with the
5 grand opening of its new Activity Center, an occasion that members of SGI-USA,
6 Guam, have been working hard for years in order to accommodate their members and
7 Buddhist activities; and

8 **WHEREAS**, in January 2010, during its Thirty-Fifth (35th) Year Anniversary,
9 SGI-USA, Guam, hosted various events throughout Guam, including, the display of
10 the “Victory Over Violence” exhibit at the Judiciary of Guam Atrium; a conference at
11 the Guam Community College with youth organizations; a ribbon-cutting of a
12 traveling exhibit entitled, “Seeds of Change: The Earth Charter and Human Potential”
13 at the *Agaña* Shopping Center, recognizing a variety of speakers and performing
14 artists promoting the theme; the awarding of an Honorary Professorship to President
15 Daisaku Ikeda by the Guam Community College President and Board of Trustees; and
16 the unveiling of a Peace Monument and the dedication naming of a pavilion at the
17 *Tamuning* Community Park, across from the International Trade Center (ITC) where
18 the first World Peace Conference was held in 1975; and

19 **WHEREAS**, SGI-USA, Guam, has further demonstrated its commitment to
20 Guam by embracing the village of *Tamuning* as a community partner, and by co-
21 hosting the first Latte Peace Festival on January 12, 2013, in collaboration with the
22 Honorable Louise Rivera, Mayor of *Tamuning*; and working for peace through culture
23 and education by featuring cultural dances and activities from the neighboring islands;
24 and

25 **WHEREAS**, SGI-USA, Guam, in its commitment and partnering with the
26 Mayor of *Tamuning*, will again be co-hosting the Second Annual Latte Peace Festival

1 on January 18, 2014, to promote peace through culture and education, featuring
2 cultural dances and activities with local and neighboring islands' artisans and
3 performers; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Dr. Daisaku Ikeda and Mrs. Kaneko Ikeda have dedicated more
5 than sixty (60) years of their lives to the promotion of peace, culture, and education
6 through their committed efforts as leaders of SGI; and they continue to serve as
7 inspiring examples of how one person's committed efforts can transform the lives of
8 millions of people around the world, including those of us here on Guam; and

9 **WHEREAS**, *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* acknowledges that
10 peace, the advancement of knowledge, and the healing of all peoples may be achieved
11 through dialogue and the perpetuation of goodwill throughout the world; and

12 **WHEREAS**, *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* further
13 acknowledges that as fellow human beings we may conquer the ills of the world
14 through a collective human spirit of *Inafa'maolek*, and that it is incumbent upon the
15 people of Guam to demonstrate our interconnectedness and shared common
16 commitment to peace, knowledge, and goodwill; now therefore, be it

17 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na*
18 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* hereby adopts this resolution as a symbol of our people's firm
19 determination, action and persistence in the continuity of effort towards the
20 preservation of peace, knowledge, and goodwill; and in the expression of the people
21 of Guam's appreciation for Soka Gakkai's advancement of humanism, engagement of
22 global problems, and fostering of trust and peace between peoples; and be it further

23 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na*
24 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the people
25 of Guam, recognize and commend President Daisaku Ikeda and Mrs. Kaneko Ikeda,
26 and the worldwide members of SGI, for their tireless efforts and dedication in

1 promoting world peace, which is ever more relevant in the age of terror and war; and
2 does further congratulate the members of Guam on the Thirty-Ninth (39th) Year
3 Anniversary of the founding of SGI; and be it further

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
5 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
6 the same be thereafter transmitted to President Daisaku Ikeda and Mrs. Kaneko Ikeda
7 of Soka Gakkai International (SGI); to the members of Guam; and to the Honorable
8 Edward J.B. Calvo, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 17TH DAY OF
JANUARY 2014.**



JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D.
Speaker



RORY J. RESPICIO
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES
Legislative Secretary



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	SIGNATURE	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
SENATOR RORY J. RESPICIO Chairperson					
SENATOR THOMAS C. ADA Vice-Chairperson	E-Mailed	11/16/14	✓		
SPEAKER JUDITH T. WON PAT, Ed.D. Member	E-Mailed	11/16/14	✓		
VICE-SPEAKER BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ Member	E-Mailed	11/16/14	✓		
LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES Member	E-Mailed	11/16/14	✓		
SENATOR VICENTE (Ben) C. PANGELINAN Member	E-Mailed	11/16/14	✓		
SENATOR DENNIS G. RODRIGUEZ, JR. Member					
SENATOR FRANK BLAS AGUON, JR. Member	E-Mailed	11/16/14	✓		
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SENATOR V. ANTHONY ADA Minority Member	E-Mailed	11/16/14	✓		
SENATOR ALINE YAMASHITA Minority Member	E-Mailed	11/16/14	✓		

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Date: 1/17/14

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