I Mina' Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

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375-32 (LS)	Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.	Relative to commending and recognizing His Holiness	5/1/14	05/06/14			05/01/14
		Living Buddah Lian-Sheng, Sheng-Yen Lu for his	6:20 p.m.				
		achievements and contributions to world harmony					
		through his dharma teachings.					

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Resolution No. 375-32 (LS)

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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.

1 BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'TRENTAL DOS NA LIHESLATURAN

- 2 GUÅHAN:
- WHEREAS, on May 18, 1945, of the Chinese Lunar calendar, His Holiness
- 4 Living Buddha Lian-Sheng, Sheng-Yen Lu, was born in a barn by the Niuchou River
- 5 at Chiayi's Houhu District in Taiwan; and
- 6 WHEREAS, His Holiness Living Buddha Lian-Sheng, Sheng-Yen Lu, is the
- 7 founder and spiritual leader of the True Buddha School, a new Buddhist sect with
- 8 teachings taken from Sutrayana and Vajrayana (Tantric Buddhism), as well as
- 9 Taoism, with over five million students; and

- 1 WHEREAS, His Holiness Living Buddha Sheng-Yen Lu is known as Grand
- 2 Master Lu, and revered as Living Buddha Lian-Sheng. He is the reincarnation of
- 3 White Mahapadmakumara, and has received the essence of Vajrayana from
- 4 Padmasambhava in a series of pure visions; and
- 5 WHEREAS, in 1969, during a trip to Taichungs' Jade Emperor Temple,
- 6 Celestially Venerated Golden Mother of the Jade Pond opened his third eye and
- 7 bestowed upon him the spiritual hearing ability; and
- 8 WHEREAS, in 1975, His Holiness Living Buddha Lian-Sheng established
- 9 Ling Xian Zong in Taiwan; and
- 10 **WHEREAS,** in 1985, His Holiness Living Buddha Lian-Sheng established the
- 11 main True Buddha School Temple, Ling Shen Ching Tze Temple, in Redmond,
- 12 Washington; and
- WHEREAS, the True Buddha School is dedicated to disseminating Buddhist
- 14 teachings, aligning the world towards unity, and delivering sentient beings from their
- suffering without rejecting other religious beliefs; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the school also absorbs teachings from different religions, and
- 17 establishes the True Buddha School Tantric Dharma; and
- 18 WHEREAS, in 2008, His Holiness Living Buddha Lian-Sheng founded the
- 19 Sheng-Yen Lu Foundation, a non-profit public charity dedicated to promoting and
- 20 advancing quality health and education in impoverished communities locally and
- 21 internationally, which serves all people, regardless of religion, race, age, national
- 22 origin, ethnicity, gender, physical ability, sexual orientation, or political affiliation;
- 23 and
- WHEREAS, guided by Buddhist principles and the teachings of His Holiness
- 25 Living Buddha Lian-Sheng, the Foundation is driven by compassion, and the belief
- 26 that the practice of compassion is an essential part of Buddhism; and

- 1 WHEREAS, although the Foundation is motivated by Buddhist principles, its
- 2 mission and reach encompasses people of all faiths; and
- WHEREAS, in 2014, the True Buddha School Complete Enlightenment
- 4 Temple donated a stage for public use at the *Tamuning Mayor's Office Park*, along
- 5 with the Usnisa Vijaya Stupa for world peace; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the True Buddha School will also donate funds to the Rigalu
- 7 Foundation, and to various local charities; and
- 8 WHEREAS, more than five million students have taken refuge under His
- 9 Holiness Living Buddha Lian-Sheng. There are four hundred chapters of the True
- 10 Buddha School around the world, including forty temples; and
- 11 WHEREAS, His Holiness Living Buddha Lian-Sheng has written and
- 12 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
- 14 describes the stages of his life's journey as learning the Dharma, propagating the
- 15 Dharma, travel and spiritual retreat; now therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, that I Mina' Trentai Dos na Liheslaturan Guåhan does hereby,
- 17 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend His Holiness Living
- 18 Buddha Lian-Sheng, Sheng-Yen Lu, for his achievements and contributions to world
- 19 harmony through his Dharma teachings; and be it further

- 1 **RESOLVED,** that the Speaker certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to,
- 2 the adoption hereof, and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to His
- 3 Holiness Living Buddha Lian-Shen, Sheng-Yen Lu; and to the Honorable Edward J.B.
- 4 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