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As amended.

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Relative to recognizing and commending Soka Gakkai International – USA (SGI-USA) for organizing two traveling exhibitions entitled, “Building a Culture of Peace for the Children of the World” and “Gandhi, King, and Ikeda: A Legacy of Building Peace” and for sharing these Exhibitions with the people of Guam.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN**
2 **GUÅHAN:**

3 **WHEREAS, President Daisaku Ikeda of Soka Gakkai International**
4 **(SGI), as part of the peace education program at the United Nations**

1 Headquarters in New York on February 2004 organized the exhibition
2 entitled, "Building a Culture of Peace for the Children of the World"; and

3 **WHEREAS**, this exhibit, brings together the ideas and examples of
4 hundreds of people, organizations and movements dedicated to opening a
5 path to lasting peace; and

6 **WHEREAS**, this exhibit was opened to the public on May 27, 2004, in
7 the foyer of the United States House of Representatives' Rayburn House
8 Office Building, Washington D.C., on Capitol Hill; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the M.K. Gandhi Institute of Nonviolence, the Martin
10 Luther King Jr. International Chapel at Morehouse College and the Soka
11 Gakkai International – USA (SGI-USA) organized a traveling exhibit entitled,
12 "Gandhi, King, Ikeda: A Legacy of Building Peace", featuring Mohandas K.
13 Gandhi, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Daisaku Ikeda, as three peace makers
14 from different cultures and continents that followed a common path of
15 profound dedication in working to achieve global peace; and

16 **WHEREAS**, Gandhi, King and Ikeda each sought to build a legacy of
17 peace with principles applicable to forging an existence filled with dignity,
18 freedom and peace for all people; and

19 **WHEREAS**, this exhibition advocates some of the lessons taught by
20 these three pioneers whereby we can begin to engage in dialogues that move
21 us to action in relation to forging a destiny for others through mentorship;
22 examining one's common beliefs in the innate dignity of humanity; translating
23 noble principles into dynamic actions, exploring and applying nonviolence as
24 a means to bring about positive change and using adversity to learn and
25 grow; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the study of the lives of Gandhi, King and Ikeda has laid
2 the foundation that enables and empowers people with the knowledge
3 needed to set in motion organized activities in support of human rights
4 campaigns, international earth summits, nuclear disarmament and sustainable
5 peaceful development among our global communities; and

6 **WHEREAS**, we encourage our students, and our island community to
7 revisit Dr. King's dream, to move forward and address global issues to
8 eradicate the threats of nuclear war, terrorist attacks and indiscriminate
9 violence; and

10 **WHEREAS**, we must reaffirm our commitment to address human rights
11 issues, and take advantage of educational opportunities that impart
12 knowledge for building a world without war and a firm resolve to bring about
13 a fundamental peaceful solution; and

14 **WHEREAS**, we advocate the sharing of knowledge that empowers
15 individuals to engage in participatory dialogues that focus on creative
16 solutions for effective peaceful change against the struggles of social injustice,
17 discrimination issues and violence; and

18 **WHEREAS**, such actions be centered around addressing the issues of
19 poverty, crime, domestic and school violence, hunger, unsafe drinking water,
20 environmental degradation and infectious diseases; and

21 **WHEREAS**, this exhibition serves to highlight the celebration of Dr.
22 Martin Luther King Jr. National Holiday and recognize the established
23 common bonds existing between Gandhi and Ikeda's global peace legacy; and

1 **WHEREAS**, it further seeks to harness the imagination, dreams, energy,
2 spirit, and human drive of our island people to implement projects, activities
3 and programs throughout the year that addresses issues of poverty, homeless,
4 school and domestic violence, and social injustice in an effort to build road
5 maps to achieve global peace; and

6 **WHEREAS**, we encourage each of you to take sufferings, social injustice
7 and discrimination issues as an opportunity to commit your works to
8 eradicating such ills in an effort to achieve dignity, inner strength, courage
9 and peace for both yourself; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the traveling exhibits of “Building a Culture of Peace for
11 the Children of the World” and “Gandhi, King, Ikeda: A Legacy of Building
12 Peace” will be displayed on January 17 through 21, 2005, at the University of
13 Guam, R. F. K. Library, and on January 24 through 28, 2005, at the Guam
14 Community College; now, therefore, be it


15 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’ Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
16 on behalf of the people of Guam, recognize and commend Soka Gakkai
17 International – USA (SGI-USA) for organizing two traveling exhibitions
18 entitled, “Building a Culture of Peace for the Children of the World” and
19 “Gandhi, King, and Ikeda: A Legacy of Building Peace” and for sharing these
20 Exhibitions with the people of Guam; and be it further

21 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina’ Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby,
22 on behalf of the people of Guam, pause in its deliberation to commemorate
23 these three great global “Peace Builders”, Mohandas K. Gandhi, Dr. Martin
24 Luther King Jr., and Daisaku Ikeda, for their work, commitment, dedication
25 and inspiration; and be it further

1 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify, and the Secretary of the
2 Legislature attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be
3 thereafter transmitted to President Daisaku Ikeda of Soka Gakkai
4 International (SGI); to SGI-USA; to Guam SGI; to the Indian Community of
5 Guam; to the African-American Heritage Committee; to the U. S. Military
6 Community; to Dr. Marilyn Jackson; to the Association for Childhood
7 Education; to the University of Guam; to Ms. Claudette McGhee, Martin
8 Luther King Human Rights Commission; to Guam Community College; and
9 to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY *I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* ON THE 3RD DAY OF JANUARY 2005.


MARK FORBES
Speaker


EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature