

**Introduced by Senator Yee**

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Senate Resolution No. 17—Relative to Shaolin Temple Day.

1 WHEREAS, On March 21, 2009, Shaolin Temple USA will  
2 host China Songshan Shaolin Temple Day at Union Square in San  
3 Francisco to commemorate 1,500 years of cultural heritage; and

4 WHEREAS, Shaolin Temple USA is an institution for the  
5 learning of Shaolin Kung Fu culture and Ch’an Buddhism. The  
6 Temple’s first place of instruction is the Shaolin Culture Center  
7 located in Fremont, California, and a second Shaolin Culture Center  
8 is located in San Francisco; and

9 WHEREAS, Shaolin Temple USA is the first North American  
10 branch organization of the world famous Songshan Temple which  
11 is located in Henan Province, China. Its mission is to share the  
12 rich Shaolin heritage with people of all backgrounds and ages by  
13 teaching and promoting Shaolin Kung Fu as a unified form of  
14 physical and spiritual culture; and

15 WHEREAS, Shaolin Temple USA teaches Shaolin Chan (Zen)  
16 Philosophy through the core Shaolin disciplines of martial arts or  
17 action meditation: Kung Fu (Gongfu) and Chi Kung (Qigong);  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Shaolin Kung Fu is more than martial arts; it is a  
20 discipline that helps people achieve better physical and spiritual  
21 balance and wellness; and

22 WHEREAS, Students go to Shaolin Temple USA to learn and  
23 grow from traditional Shaolin training and culture. “Heart to Heart”  
24 and “Mind to Mind” are the essence of Shaolin Ch’an Philosophy  
25 and this system of training spans the differences between language  
26 and culture as a direct form of growth and understanding; and

1 WHEREAS, Shaolin Temple USA is the only Shaolin Kung Fu  
2 institution in the United States where all of the instructors are  
3 Buddhist monks from the Shaolin Temple of Song Mountain; and

4 WHEREAS, California cultural diversity provides a perfect  
5 environment to share our differences and enhance our communal  
6 likeness. The Shaolin teachings are reflective of this same diversity,  
7 enabling many Californians to find a common ground in our  
8 diversity; now, therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That the Senate*  
10 hereby recognizes March 21, 2009, as Shaolin Temple Day in  
11 California; and be it further

12 *Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate provide copies of*  
13 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.