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The Venerable Thich Quang Do
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Dear Master,

It is with great sadness that I send my condolences regarding the death of The Most Venerable Thich Huyen Quang, the Head of the United Buddhist Church.

I am blessed to have within my Federal Electorate of Cowan, the Pho Quang Pagoda, and many adherents of the United Buddhist Church whom are persons of Vietnamese heritage. I share in their, and your grief for the loss of the spiritual leader of the United Buddhist Church.

We should however all be confident and rejoice that The Most Venerable Thich Huyen Quang, although he suffered greatly in this life, will be at peace and harmony in the next, forever under the protection of Holy Buddha.

It is my hope, and the hope of the Australian/Vietnamese Buddhists and other Australian/Vietnamese people, that one day the people of Vietnam will be able to practice their faith and their lives in a free and democratic society.

I will remember The Most Venerable Thich Huyen Quang in my prayers for his service to Vietnamese people, to Buddhists and the cause of a peaceful, free and just world.

Yours sincerely,



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Australian Federal Representative for the Electorate of Cowan