A RESOLUTION

Expressing the heartfelt sadness and condolences of the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia at the passing of Dr. Catalino Cantero, the first Secretary for the FSM Department of Education of the Federated States of Micronesia.

WHEREAS, Dr. Catalino Cantero passed away on Saturday, January 16, 2010, at his residence in Awak, U Municipality, Pohnpei State; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Catalino Cantero was a native of U municipality in the State of Pohnpei; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Catalino Cantero was an instrumental figure in the shaping of education in the Federated States of Micronesia for more than fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Catalino Cantero earned his BA degree in social psychology from Northern Michigan University, Marquette, a masters degree in social work from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and a Ph.D. in educational administration from Ohio University, Athens, where he was a Fullbright Scholar; and

WHEREAS, DR. Catalino Cantero became the first Micronesian to earn his doctorate degree, the highest award in the educational world; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Catalino Cantero began his long career in education with the Pohnpei State Department of Education as Scholarship and Testing Coordinator from 1973 to 1978; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Catalino Cantero continued his service as the Assistant Land Grant Officer for the College of Micronesia from
1 1981 to 1982, the President of the Community College of Micronesia
2 from 1983 to 1988, the Assistant Secretary for the Department of
3 Education from 1988 to 1993, the Secretary of the Department of
4 Education from 1993 to 1998; and as Deputy Secretary for the FSM
5 Department of Health, Education & Social Affairs from 1998 to
6 1999; and
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8 WHEREAS, Dr. Catalino Cantero also served as a member the of
9 COM-FSM Board of Regents, and in many other capacities, including
10 as Chairman of the Pohnpei Scholarship Board, FSM Delegate Leader
11 to the 5th Far East and South Pacific Islands Games in Kobe, Japan,
12 a Voting Member on the Accrediting Commission for Community and
13 Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and
14 Colleges, and as the Keynote Speaker of the Asian-Pacific
15 Parliamentarian Scholars’ Convention in Tokyo, Japan in 1984; and
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17 WHEREAS, Dr. Catalino Cantero held the traditional title of
18 Aronsed U, and was a well respected member of his community; now,
19 therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated
22 States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2010, that the
23 Congress, on behalf of the people of the Federated States of
24 Micronesia, wishes to express to the family and friends of Dr.
25 Catalino Cantero its sadness and condolences at his passing and
26 gratitude for his service to our country; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia and to the family of Dr. Catalino Cantero.

Date: 2/15/10

Introduced by: /s/ Fredrico O. Primo

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