A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sadness and condolences of the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia at the passing of Jon M. Van Dyke, Professor of Law, University of Hawaii.

1 WHEREAS, Jon M. Van Dyke passed away suddenly on
2 November 29, 2011 while traveling to North Wollangong, New
3 South Wales, Australia to attend a conference; and
4 WHEREAS, Jon M. Van Dyke graduated from Harvard Law
5 School in 1967 and was a distinguished lawyer and law
6 professor for over forty years; and
7 WHEREAS, Jon M. Van Dyke taught law at the Catholic
8 University Law School in Washington, D.C. from 1967 to 1969,
9 at the Hastings College of Law, University of California, San
10 Francisco from 1971 to 1976 and at the University of Hawaii
11 Law School from 1976 to 2011; and
12 WHEREAS, Jon M. Van Dyke was a devoted and passionate
13 advocate for the rights of Native Hawaiians and Pacific
14 Islanders, a leading authority on constitutional law, human
15 rights and environmental ocean law, a tireless defender of
16 public lands and natural resources and the author of six
17 books and numerous articles on these subjects; and
18 WHEREAS, Jon M. Van Dyke stood for what was just and
19 right in protecting natural, cultural and historic resources,
20 and participated in many projects related to public lands and
natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Jon M. Van Dyke served as a personal mentor to every law student from the Federated States of Micronesia during his tenure at the University of Hawaii Law School and has been an inspiration for generations of students and our Nation; and

WHEREAS, Jon M. Van Dyke is survived by his children Jesse, Eric and Michelle and his wife Sherry Broder; and

WHEREAS, the Members of the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia join the family, friends, and colleagues of Jon M. Van Dyke in mourning his passing; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2012, wishes to express to the family, friends and colleagues of the late Jon M. Van Dyke its sadness and condolences at his passing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, Governor of each State of the Nation, the Presiding Officer of each of the State Legislatures of the Nation and Jon M. Van Dyke’s family.

Date: 1/20/12

Introduced by: /s/ Wesley W. Simina

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