FIRST CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1979 CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 1-1

A RESOLUTION
Expressing deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to the family, friends and the people of the Mortlocks and the entire State of Truk for the untimely passing of the late Judge Ring Andon Puas.

1  WHEREAS, at 2:30 p.m. on May 1, 1979, Judge Ring Andon
2 Puas, a prominent leader from the Mortlocks, passed away at
3 the Truk Hospital at the age of 73; and
4  WHEREAS, in recognition of his long and distinguished
5 service on the bench, Presiding Judge Soukichy Fritz of the
6 District Court of the State of Truk commented that late Judge
7 Puas's death would bring sadness to all who knew him and that
8 his performance on the bench will be missed and will leave a
9 space in the judicial branch which will be difficult to
10 replace; and
11  WHEREAS, late Judge Puas's distinguished public service
12 started from a humble beginning in 1919 when he worked both
13 as a farmer and a storekeeper; and
14  WHEREAS, from 1930 to 1939, Judge Puas served as Lukunor
15 Municipal Secretary; and
16  WHEREAS, in 1939 Judge Puas became a municipal Magistrate
17 and in the same year he was also appointed as Atoll Chief; and
18  WHEREAS, in 1952 he was appointed as a District Judge, a
19 position he held until his untimely death; and
20  WHEREAS, from 1953 to 1958, he served as President of the
21 Truk Coop; and
22  WHEREAS, from 1954 to 1958, he represented the Island of
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1 Lukunor as a delegate to the Truk Congress, the forerunner of
2 the present Truk State Legislature; and
3 WHEREAS, in 1958 he participated in the Inter-District
4 Advisory Council on Guam, and attended a number of judicial
5 conferences held in Saipan during the fifties; and
6 WHEREAS, from 1967 to the present, he served as President
7 of the Senate of the Mortlocks Parish Council as well as
8 President of the Mortlocks Copra Cooperative Association; and
9 WHEREAS, in 1977 he represented the traditional chiefs
10 of Truk at the Law of the Sea Conference held in Moen, Truk;
11 and
12 WHEREAS, Judge Puas was one of the two paramount traditional
13 chiefs of Lukunor Island and a member of the Sor Clan; and
14 WHEREAS, Judge Puas is survived by his wife, the former
15 Ilaria Maipi and three sons: Paul Puas, an elementary school
16 teacher on Lukunor, Lewis Puas and Stanis Puas; now, therefore,
17 BE IT RESOLVED by the First Congress of the Federated
18 States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 1979, that the
19 Congress hereby expresses its deepest sympathy and sincere
20 condolences to the family, friends and the people of the
21 Mortlocks and the entire State of Truk for the untimely passing
22 of the late Judge Ring Andon Puas; and
23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
24 Resolution be transmitted to Mrs. Ilaria Maipi Puas, Paul Puas,
25 Lewis Puas, Stanis Puas, Presiding Judge Scukichy Fritz, Truk

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State Governor Erhart Aten, and the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, Tosiwo Nakayama.

Adopted: May 18, 1979