

FIRST CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1979

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 1-1

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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 2:00 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 Soukichy Fritz, Truk

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

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4 Adopted: May 18, 1979

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