

FIRST CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1979

CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 1-13

A RESOLUTION

Expressing deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to the family, friends and the people of the State of Maryland and the entire United States for the untimely passing of the late Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton.

**1 WHEREAS, on April 19, 1979 the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton, former
2 United States Congressman and Secretary of the Departments of the Interior
3 and Commerce, passed away in his home town of Easton, Maryland, at the age
4 of 64; and**

**5 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton's distinguished
6 career in public service began in 1947 when he became President of the
7 Ballard and Ballard Company; and**

**8 WHEREAS, in 1951 he became Vice President of the Pillsbury Company,
9 a position which he held until 1953; and**

**10 WHEREAS, in 1962 the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton was elected to the
11 House of Representatives of the United States Congress as a Congressman from
12 Maryland; and**

**13 WHEREAS, the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton was re-elected four times,
14 to the 89th, 90th, 91st, and 92nd Congresses; and**

**15 WHEREAS, from 1963 to 1968 he served on the Committee on Interior and
16 Insular Affairs; and**

**17 WHEREAS, from 1963 to 1968 he also served on the Committee on Merchant
18 Marine and Fisheries; and**

**19 WHEREAS, from 1967 to 1968 the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton served on
20 the Select Committee on Small Businesses; and**

**21 WHEREAS, from 1969 to the time he became United States Secretary of
22 Interior, he served on the prestigious House Committee on Ways and Means; and**

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1 WHEREAS, from 1965 to 1966 the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton was a
2 member of the Public Land Law Review Commission and the President's
3 Commission on the Status of Puerto Rico; and

4 WHEREAS, from 1966 to 1970 the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton was a
5 member of the Board of Visitors, United States Naval Academy; and

6 WHEREAS, from 1969 to January of 1971, the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton
7 was Chairman of the Republican National Committee; and

8 WHEREAS, from January 29, 1971 to April 30, 1975, he was the Secretary
9 of the United States Department of Interior; and

10 WHEREAS, during his tenure as Secretary of the Interior, he played a key
11 role in upgrading the welfare of the people of Micronesia; and

12 WHEREAS, during the time he was Secretary of the Interior, the Honorable
13 Rogers C. B. Morton was not only a leader but also a close friend of the
14 people of Micronesia as evidenced by the passage of Congress of Micronesia
15 House Resolution No. 4 on February 26, 1973; and

16 WHEREAS, the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton's aspiring leadership was
17 recognized by then President Gerald R. Ford; and

18 WHEREAS, on May 1, 1973 he was nominated to head the Department of
19 Commerce; and

20 WHEREAS, the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton's untimely death on April 19,
21 1979 will bring sadness to his family and to all who knew him as a
22 distinguished United States diplomat and as a friend; and

23 WHEREAS, the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton is survived by his wife, the
24 former Anne Jones, one son, David, and one daughter, Anne McCance; now,
25 therefore,

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the First Congress of the Federated States of
2 **Micronesia, First Regular Session, 1979, that the Congress hereby expresses**
3 **its deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to the family, friends, and**
4 **the people of the State of Maryland and the entire United States for the**
5 **untimely passing of the late Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton; and**

6 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this Resolution be
7 **transmitted to Mrs. Rogers C. B. Morton, Mr. David Morton, Anne McCance, the**
8 **President of the Federated States of Micronesia, and the High Commissioner of**
9 **the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.**

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11 **Adopted: June 6, 1979**

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