September 25, 2017

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker
FSM Congress
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear Speaker Simina:

I transmit herewith a certified copy of Congressional Resolution No. 20-31, C.D.1, which was adopted by the Twentieth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2017.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk
Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures
A RESOLUTION


INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: WESLEY W. SIMINA

DATE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

ADOPTED: SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

Liwiana Ramon Ioamis
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress
A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sincere sadness and condolences to the family of the Honorable Tony deBrum, and to the government and citizens of the Republic of the Marshall Islands at his passing on August 22, 2017.

WHEREAS, Tony deBrum was born on February 26, 1945, on Likiep Atoll in the Marshall Islands, and went on to have a career in government service spanning 50 years, becoming one of the Republic of the Marshall Islands' most important leaders and serving as a national senator, minister, and the Ambassador for Climate Change for the Republic of the Marshall Islands; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Tony deBrum grew up in the Marshall Islands during the period when the United States conducted thermonuclear weapons testing in the Marshall Islands, and throughout his life he worked for nuclear disarmament, and was unmatched in his tireless efforts to pursue redress and justice for radiation victims affected by the testing, for his efforts he was awarded the 2012 Nuclear Age Peace Foundation's Distinguished Peace Leader Award, and was an alternate for the Nobel Peace Prize itself; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Tony deBrum became one of the first Marshall Islanders to graduate from college in 1968, from the University of Hawaii-Manoa with a bachelor's degree in History and Linguistic, and was one of the leaders in the Marshall Islands' movement for independence, he also participated in the negotiation
of the Compact of Free Association with the United States, and the
National Constitution for the Republic of the Marshall Islands at
his passing; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Tony deBrum has been internationally
recognized for his work to combat climate change and has been a
regional leader for Pacific island countries, giving voice to
civil concerns and the existential threat posed by climate change for
low-lying islands; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Federated States of Micronesia have
benefited from the Honorable Tony deBrum's strong leadership in
the Western Pacific and his commitment to protecting and promoting
the health and welfare especially of island peoples; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of
Micronesia wishes to express its sincere sadness and
condolences to the family of the Honorable Tony deBrum, and
to the government and citizens of the Republic of the
Marshall Islands at his passing; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Twentieth Congress of the Federated
States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2017, that the
Congress hereby expresses its sincere sadness and condolences to
the family of the Honorable Tony deBrum, and to the government and
citizens of the Republic of the Marshall Islands at his passing on
August 22, 2017; and
CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 20-31, C.D.1

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
3 of Micronesia, the Department of Foreign Affairs, and the wife of
4 the late Honorable Tony deBrum, Rosali deBrum.

9 ADOPTED: September 20, 2017

Wesley W. Simina
Speaker
FSM Congress

ATTEST:
Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk
FSM Congress