A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sincere condolences and sadness to the family of the Honorable Dr. Jiko Luveni, Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji, and to the government and citizens of the Republic of Fiji at her passing on December 22, 2018.

WHEREAS, the Honorable Dr. Jiko Luveni was one of the first women to become a dentist in the Republic of Fiji, and after serving her community for several years in that capacity went on to have a career in government service spanning over 40 years, becoming one of the Republic of Fiji’s most important leaders and serving as a national minister and as Speaker of the Republic of Fiji Parliament; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Dr. Jiko Luveni was a trailblazer in advocating for women’s interests, eradication of poverty and national interests, and she pursued these issues for over 15 years, starting in 1988, as a program management officer for the United Population Fund, and later as a National Government Minister for Women, Social Welfare and Poverty Alleviation for 8 years until 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Dr. Jiko Luveni became the Speaker of the Republic of Fiji Parliament in 2014, making her the first women speaker of parliament for the Republic of Fiji, and in her role as speaker she has been recognized for her work to promote the interests of small Pacific island countries, giving
voice to concerns unique to our small island nations; now, therefore, WHERAS, the people of the Federated States of Micronesia have benefited from the Honorable Dr. Jiko Luveni’s strong leadership in the Pacific and her commitment to protecting and promoting the health and welfare especially of pacific island peoples; now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED by the Twentieth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2019, that Congress hereby expresses its sincere condolences and sadness to the family of the Honorable Dr. Jiko Luveni, and the government and citizens of the Republic of Fiji at her passing on December 22, 2019; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States Micronesia and the Department of Foreign Affairs Date: 1/17/19 Introduced by: /s/ Isaac V. Figir Isaac V. Figir