
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.

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

8 WHEREAS, the Honorable Dr. Jiko Luveni was a trailblazer
9 in advocating for women's interests, eradication of poverty and
10 national interests, and she pursued these issues for over 15
11 years, starting in 1988, as a program management officer for
12 the United Population Fund, and later as a National Government
13 Minister for Women, Social Welfare and Poverty Alleviation for
14 8 years until 2014; and

15 WHEREAS, the Honorable Dr. Jiko Luveni became the Speaker
16 of the Republic of Fiji Parliament in 2014, making her the
17 first women speaker of parliament for the Republic of Fiji, and
18 in her role as speaker she has been recognized for her work to
19 promote the interests of small Pacific island countries, giving

1 voice to concerns unique to our small island nations; now,
2 therefore,

3 WHEREAS, the people of the Federated States of Micronesia
4 have benefited from the Honorable Dr. Jiko Luveni's strong
5 leadership in the Pacific and her commitment to protecting and
6 promoting the health and welfare especially of pacific island
7 peoples; now, therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twentieth Congress of the Federated
9 States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2019, that
10 Congress hereby expresses its sincere condolences and sadness
11 to the family of the Honorable Dr. Jiko Luveni, and the
12 government and citizens of the Republic of Fiji at her passing
13 on December 22, 2019; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated
16 States Micronesia and the Department of Foreign Affairs

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18 Date: 1/17/19

Introduced by: /s/ Isaac V. Figir

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