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 alternate for the Nobel Peace Prize itself; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Tony deBrum became one of the first Marshallese to graduate from university in 1968, he was one of the first Marshall Islanders to graduate from College in 1968, from the University of Hawaii-Manoa with a bachelors 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; 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 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; 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
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Department of Foreign Affairs, and the wife, Rosali deBrum.

ADOPTED: September 20, 2017

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Wesley W. Simina
Speaker
FSM Congress

ATTEST: _________________________
Liwiana Ramon Ioanis
Chief Clerk
FSM Congress