A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sincere condolences and sadness of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to the family of the late President Leo A. Falcam, and to the Governments and citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia at his passing on February 12, 2018.

WHEREAS, Leo A. Falcam was a seasoned politician, often referred to as the “trail blazing Veteran” for being the nation’s first in various political roles, which included: first Micronesian acting High Commissioner; first native District Administrator; first Governor of Pohnpei State; first Liaison Officer for the Washington Office (now the FSM Embassy in Washington, D.C.); and the first Postmaster General among many other roles; and

WHEREAS, the late President Leo A. Falcam’s educational background is equally impressive for his time, as he was a grantee from the East-West Center and graduated with a sociology degree from the University of Hawaii and pursued his graduate studies at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Leo A. Falcam was born on November 20, 1935, in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, and went on to have a career in government service for over 40 years, becoming one of the Federated States of Micronesia’s most important leaders and...
serving as a national senator, governor and both President and
Vice-President of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, Leo A Falcam was appointed Assistant District
Administrator for Ponape District in 1964. The following year, he
left for Princeton University in New Jersey, where he completed
his graduate program at the Woodrow Wilson School in the field of
Public Administration and International Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Leo A. Falcam returned to the TTPI Administration as
an Executive Officer under the Office of the High Commissioner in
1966 and in his capacity as Executive Officer, Leo A. Falcam
became the first Micronesian to serve as acting High Commissioner
for the TTPI; and

WHEREAS, Leo A. Falcam became the first native District
Administrator for Ponape District in 1972 and served during the
Micronesian Island's transition from TTPI's Administration to
independence and self governance; and

WHEREAS, Leo A. Falcam chaired the Pohnpei Delegation to the
Micronesian Islands Constitutional Convention in 1975, which
identified the plurality of the Micronesian Islands as separate
nations and is among the framers of the navigational instrument of
the Nation's political course, the FSM Constitution; and

WHEREAS, after serving as District Administrator for Ponape,
Leo A. Falcam in 1976, was assigned to establish and head the
Micronesia/Washington Office in D.C.; and

WHEREAS, following the formation of the Federated States of
Micronesia, Leo A. Falcam returned to the newly established Government and became on May 1979, the first elected Governor of the new State of Pohnpei; and

WHEREAS, the newly established Pohnpei State held its Constitutional Convention and elected Leo A. Falcam as Chairman of the Convention in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Leo A. Falcam was appointed as the Nation's first Postmaster General in 1984, a position he served until his election to the Fifth FSM Congress in 1987, as Pohnpei States' Senator at Large; and

WHEREAS, as a freshman in Congress, he had concurrent vice-chairmanship of the Committees on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, and Health, Education and Social Affairs and as a member of the External Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, Leo A. Falcam chaired the National Capital Development sub-committee during the Sixth FSM Congress and served on the following committees: Judiciary and Governmental Operations and Health, Education & Social Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Leo A. Falcam was a delegate to the Second Constitutional Convention in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Leo A. Falcam served the Eight and Ninth Congress as vice-chairman of the Committee on the External Affairs and was a member of the Committees on Resources and Development and Judiciary and Governmental Operations; and

WHEREAS, Leo A. Falcam's extensive public sector involvement...
include service as President of the FSM Bank, a member of the
Bank's Board of Directors, a member of the Pohnpei Agriculture and
Trade School Board of Trustees and the PATS PEACE Foundation; and
WHEREAS, ten years to the date of his election to Congress,
Leo A. Falcam was elected the fourth Vice President of the
Federated States of Micronesia in May 1997; and
WHEREAS, Leo A. Falcam was seated as the Fifth President of
the Federated States of Micronesia two years later on May 11,
1999; and
WHEREAS, Leo A. Falcam was elected Chairman of the Standing
Committee for the Pacific Islands Conference of Leaders comprised
of heads of governments from twenty-one Pacific Island Nations, in
January 2001, and
WHEREAS, Leo A Falcam is survived by Leo A. Falcam Jr.,
Tamara Falcam and Iva Falcam; now, therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED by the Twentieth Congress of the Federated
States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2018, that Congress
hereby expresses its sincere condolences and sadness to the family
of the late President Leo A. Falcam, and to the Governments and
citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia at the passing of
the late President Leo A. Falcam on February 12, 2018; 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 to the family of the late Leo A. Falcam.

ADOPTED: February 15, 2018

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Wesley W. Simina
Speaker
FSM Congress

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Chief Clerk
FSM Congress