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February 03 , 2021

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. 21-248, which was adopted by the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2021.

Sincerely,

Jessicalynn Reyes

Chief Clerk

Congress of the

Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures



TWENTY-FIRST CONGRESS OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
SIXTH REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 11 – [30] FEBRUARY 2, 2021
(EXTENDED BY C.R. NO. 21-247, ADOPTED 1/29/21)

A RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE TWENTY-FIRST CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA TO THE FAMILY OF BETHWEL HENRY, THE LAST FOUNDING FATHER OF THE NATION AND THE FIRST SPEAKER OF THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA AT HIS PASSING.

INTRODUCED BY SENATORS: PETER M. CHRISTIAN, FERNY S. PERMAN AND ESMOND B. MOSES

DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2021

ADOPTED: FEBRUARY 2, 2021

Jessicalynn Reyes Chief Clerk, FSM Congress

A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sincere condolences of the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to the family of Bethwel Henry, the last Founding Father of the Nation and the first Speaker of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia at his passing.

- 1 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Bethwel Henry was one of the
- 2 pioneering giants who charted and navigated the course of
- 3 independence and nation building in Micronesia, and a Founding
- 4 Father of the Federated States of Micronesia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Bethwel Henry began his political
- 6 career for the people of the Micronesian region in 1966 as the 2^{nd}
- 7 and last Speaker of the Congress of Micronesia through the breakup
- 8 of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands in 1978 and was
- 9 elected to hold the same role in the newly formed constitutional
- 10 government of the Federated States of Micronesia; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Bethwel Henry was elected to
- 12 serve as the first Speaker of the Congress of Federated States of
- 13 Micronesia, was seated on May 10, 1979, and for the next eight
- 14 years(1979 -1987), maintained the Speakership role during the
- 15 formative stages of the national government of the newly emerged
- 16 Nation; and
- WHEREAS, the late Bethwel Henry's visions helped pass the
- 18 legislation that created the national government and established
- 19 the Congress administration as well as the management of the

- 1 institution; and
- WHEREAS, the late Honorable Bethwel Henry, served his next
- 3 twenty years (1988 -2007) as the Nation's Postmaster General,
- 4 during which time he helped secure the continuity in the
- 5 relationship with the United States Postal Service whereby our
- 6 Nation would remain closely aligned with the U.S. Postal system;
- 7 and
- 8 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Bethwel spent over four decades
- 9 in public service to the Nation; and
- 10 WHEREAS, after his retirement from public service, the late
- 11 Honorable Bethwel Henry maintained his various civic roles in the
- 12 national, state, municipal and local communities and most recently
- 13 as a member of the Joint Committee on Compact Review and Planning
- 14 (JCRP); and
- WHEREAS, throughout his lifetime, the late Bethwel Henry
- 16 remained an active leader and member of the United Church of
- 17 Christ in Pohnpei (UCCP), serving as the President of the Pohnpei
- 18 State Christian Endeavor Society and held the respected title of
- 19 Senior Pastor of Kepinle Church; and
- WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of
- 21 Micronesia greatly appreciates the hard work of the late
- 22 Honorable Bethwel Henry and his many contributions to this
- 23 Nation, and it would like to extend its sincere condolences to
- 24 his family; now, therefore,
- 25 BE IT RESOLVED, by the Twenty-First Congress of the

1	Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2021,
2	that Congress hereby expresses its sincere condolences and
3	sadness to the family of the late Honorable Bethwel Henry, at
4	his passing, and
5	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6	resolution be sent to the President of the Federated States of
7	Micronesia, the Governor of Pohnpei State and the family of the
8	late Honorable Bethwel Henry.
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12	ADOPTED: February 2, 2021
13	Wesley W. Simina Speaker
14	FSM Congress
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17	ATTEST:
18	Jessicalynn Reyes
	Chief Clerk FSM Congress
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