TWENTY-FIRST CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FIFTH REGULAR SESSION, 2020   C.R. NO. 21-209

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing the accomplishments of the late former FSM senator, Peter Sitan, who passed in July, 2020 and expressing the sincere appreciation of the FSM Congress for his many contributions to the Nation.

1   WHEREAS, Peter Sitan served three terms as a Member of the

2   FSM Congress from 2005-2011, having first been elected to the

3   14th Congress as the two-year representative of the

4   Congressional Election District One in the state of Chuuk which

5   is comprised of the Mortlock Islands and during his first term,

6   Mr. Sitan held the Vice Chairmanship of the Standing Committee

7   on External Affairs and membership on the committee of Resources

8   and Development and the committee on Transportation and

9   Communication; and

10   WHEREAS, during the subsequent 15th and 16th Congress, Mr.

11   Sitan served as the Chairman of the Standing Committee on

12   Judiciary and Governmental Operations and throughout his three

13   terms in Congress Mr. Sitan was a member on all standing

14   committees of the Congress, at one time or another; and

15   WHEREAS, while Mr. Sitan spent six years in the FSM Congress

16   representing the interest of the people of the Mortlock Islands

17   and the Nation as a whole, he spent his lifetime devoted in

18   service to people of the FSM through his role in the management

19   and development of fisheries in the Nation; and

20   WHEREAS, Mr. Sitan had an innate love for and affinity with

1 the ocean, he was embraced and bred by the ocean most of his young

2 life, as a swimmer, a fishing novice and a student of traditional

3 ocean skills; and

4   WHEREAS, in 1981, the Nation's foremost authority on marine

5 resources, the Micronesian Maritime Authority (MMA), hired Mr.

6 Sitan to be its Deputy Director and he served in that capacity for

7 five years and in 1986, he took on the post of Executive Director

8 of MMA where he maintained his post for the next 12 years and

9 under his stewardship, the information gathering research and

10 analysis capabilities of the then MMA had vastly improved and

11 widely recognized as one of the leading fisheries agencies in the

12 Pacific; and

13   WHEREAS, In 1993, Mr. Sitan accepted the post of

14 President/Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the FSM's other

15 establishment on fisheries — the National Fisheries Corporation

16 (NFC) where he spent 21 years of service to promote the

17 development of pelagic fisheries and related industries for the

18 benefit of the people of the FSM and throughout his stewardship of

19 the NFC, Mr. Sitan had stimulated the fisheries development in the

20 Nation through its various joint ventures that have added to the

21 local and national economy through the creation of employment

22 opportunities and explorations of new onshore investments; and

23   WHEREAS, in 2004, Mr. Sitan was elected as a delegate for the

24 3rd Chuuk State Constitutional Convention and he served as the

25 Chairman of the Committee on Finance; and

1   WHEREAS, in 2019, Mr. Sitan was elected as a delegate for the

2 4th FSM National Constitutional Convention and he served as the

3 Chairman of the Finance Committee; and

4   WHEREAS, Mr. Sitan had devoted over 30 years of his public

5 service life to the management and development of fisheries in the

6 Nation and is recognized and respected for his comprehensive

7 knowledge and extensive experience in the area of fisheries and

8 should heretofore, be remembered as a forefather of FSM commercial

9 fisheries development; now, therefore,

10   BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated

11 States of Micronesia, Fifth Regular Session, 2020, that Congress

12 hereby expresses its sincere gratitude to the late Peter Sitan for

13 his innumerable contributions to the FSM and its people; and

14   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this

15 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States

16 of Micronesia and Elihter Edgar.

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18 Date: 10/2/20   Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper
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