

A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sincere condolences and sadness of the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to the family of the late Captain Lambert Lokopwe, at his passing on August 22, 2020.

1           WHEREAS, the late Captain Lambert Lokopwe, age 74, was  
2 born on February 27, 1946, on Pollap Island, Chuuk, and passed  
3 away on August 22, 2020; and

4           WHEREAS, Captain Lambert Lokopwe attended Pollap  
5 Elementary School and he attended Xavier High School from 1958-  
6 1963; and

7           WHEREAS, Captain Lambert Lokopwe attended the College of  
8 Guam in 1964; and

9           WHEREAS, in 1965, Captain Lambert Lokopwe transferred to  
10 the Philippines Merchant Marine Academy and graduated with a  
11 Bachelor's Degree in Marine Transportation in 1969, when he was  
12 one of the first FSM citizens to graduate; and

13           WHEREAS, Captain Lambert Lokopwe was a General Agent with  
14 Saipan Shipping Company and in 1970 he became the Marine  
15 Personnel Development Officer, Assistant Manager of the  
16 Transportation Management branch and Acting Chief and Manager  
17 of the Sea Transportation branch with the Trust Territory  
18 Transportation Division in Saipan; and

19           WHEREAS, in 1974, Captain Lambert Lokopwe was elected to  
20 the Sixth Congress of Micronesia for the 18<sup>th</sup> District,

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1 representing the Halls, Namonweito and Pattiw, and where during  
2 his term in Congress he served as a member on the House  
3 Committee on Education and Social Matters and Judiciary and  
4 Governmental Relations; and

5       WHEREAS, from 1978-1986, Captain Lambert Lokopwe was the  
6 Director of the Transportation Department for the State of  
7 Truk; and

8       WHEREAS, in 1986 Captain Lambert Lokopwe became the Chief  
9 of Staff to the late Governor of Chuuk, the Honorable Gideon  
10 Doon; and

11       WHEREAS, Captain Lambert Lokopwe was elected to be a  
12 delegate to the 1<sup>st</sup> Chuuk State Constitutional Convention in  
13 1988; and

14       WHEREAS, Captain Lambert Lokopwe was elected and became  
15 one of the first members of the newly created House of Senate,  
16 representing the Election District 5 which is known as the  
17 Northwest Region, in the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Senate from 1990-1997, where  
18 he was chairman J&GO and membership in the Finance Committee  
19 and Transportation Committee; and

20       WHEREAS, Captain Lambert Lokopwe was elected as a delegate  
21 and the President of the Pollap Constitutional Convention in  
22 1991; and

23       WHEREAS, in 1999 during the re-organization of the FSM  
24 Government, the new Falcam/Killion Administration appointed  
25 Captain Lokopwe, and he was confirmed by the 10th FSM Congress,

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1 as the New Secretary of the Department of Transportation,  
2 Communications, and Infrastructure where he served until his  
3 appointment during the newly inaugurated and organized  
4 Simina/Elimo Administration for the State of Chuuk, where he  
5 held the position of Advisor to Governor Simina from 2005-2011;  
6 and

7       WHEREAS Captain Lambert Lokopwe was elected Mayor for the  
8 Pollap Municipality from 2011 to 2013 and while holding the  
9 advisory position and the Mayorship position, Captain Lokopwe  
10 was also anointed with the title of Paramount Chief of Pollap;  
11 and

12       WHEREAS, Captain Lokopwe never lost sight of his custom,  
13 culture and tradition and the art that is associated with it,  
14 and he believed that in order for one to know his identity is  
15 to know and be proud of his/her tradition, custom and culture,  
16 and as such it was during the inauguration of the First  
17 Governor of Chuuk or Truk the Honorable Erhart Aten, where  
18 Captain Lokopwe showcased the art of his tradition by wearing a  
19 traditional Tui instead of a foreign dressing of coat and tie  
20 when he was the Master of Ceremonies of the inauguration  
21 program

22       WHEREAS, Captain Lokopwe believed that getting a degree or  
23 an Unlimited Master Captain license is not just knowing how to  
24 navigate from one point to another point and in 1978 he started  
25 searching for the art of traditional navigation and finally in

1 1997 Captain Lokopwe received the PWO under WERIYANG, one of  
2 the only two traditional school of navigation, and by receiving  
3 the PWO he became one of the few ordained PWO or RHAPINIWOK  
4 when he performed the 3rd PWO ceremony on Pollap in 2006; and

5       WHEREAS, Captain Lambert Lokopwe is survived by his wife  
6 Esten Lokopwe (formerly Heiosy), his brothers, Leo and Justo  
7 Lokopwe, his sisters Bendic Lokopwe Hilario, Enrina Lokopwe  
8 Yongoran, and Maureen Lokopwe Hetiback; and his children, sons  
9 Lambert Lokopwe Jr., Esence Lokopwe, daughters, Glorina  
10 Lokopwe, Gloria Lokopwe Urusouram, Maristella Lokopwe Liwi,  
11 Grace Lokopwe Raigemwai, Gina Lokopwe, Lelia Lokpwe Raigemwai,  
12 Sistin Lokopwe Rain, Esteen Lokopwe Raigemwai and Devine  
13 Lokopwe Stephen, and his 16 grandchildren;

14       BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-First Congress of the  
15 Federated States of Micronesia, Fifth Regular Session, 2020,  
16 that the Congress hereby expresses its sincere condolences and  
17 sadness to the family of the late Captain Lambert Lokopwe at  
18 his passing on August 22, 2020; and

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1           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated  
3 States of Micronesia and Esten Lokopwe.

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5 Date: 9/12/20

Introduced by: /s/ Robson U. Romolow  
Robson U. Romolow

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/s/ Wesley W. Simina  
Wesley W. Simina

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/s/ Florencio S. Harper  
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/s/ Tiwiter Aritos  
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/s/ Derensio S. Konman  
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/s/ Victor V. Gouland  
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