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.

WHEREAS, Peter Sitan served three terms as a Member of the FSM Congress from 2005-2011, having first been elected to the 14th Congress as the two-year representative of the Congressional Election District One in the state of Chuuk which is comprised of the Mortlock Islands and during his first term, Mr. Sitan held the Vice Chairmanship of the Standing Committee on External Affairs and membership on the committee of Resources and Development and the committee on Transportation and Communication; and

WHEREAS, during the subsequent 15th and 16th Congress, Mr. Sitan served as the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations and throughout his three terms in Congress Mr. Sitan was a member on all standing committees of the Congress, at one time or another; and

WHEREAS, while Mr. Sitan spent six years in the FSM Congress representing the interest of the people of the Mortlock Islands and the Nation as a whole, he spent his lifetime devoted in service to people of the FSM through his role in the management and development of fisheries in the Nation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sitan had an innate love for and affinity with
the ocean, he was embraced and bred by the ocean most of his young life, as a swimmer, a fishing novice and a student of traditional ocean skills; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, the Nation’s foremost authority on marine resources, the Micronesian Maritime Authority (MMA), hired Mr. Sitan to be its Deputy Director and he served in that capacity for five years and in 1986, he took on the post of Executive Director of MMA where he maintained his post for the next 12 years and under his stewardship, the information gathering research and analysis capabilities of the then MMA had vastly improved and widely recognized as one of the leading fisheries agencies in the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, In 1993, Mr. Sitan accepted the post of President/Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the FSM’s other establishment on fisheries – the National Fisheries Corporation (NFC) where he spent 21 years of service to promote the development of pelagic fisheries and related industries for the benefit of the people of the FSM and throughout his stewardship of the NFC, Mr. Sitan had stimulated the fisheries development in the Nation through its various joint ventures that have added to the local and national economy through the creation of employment opportunities and explorations of new onshore investments; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Mr. Sitan was elected as a delegate for the 3rd Chuuk State Constitutional Convention and he served as the Chairman of the Committee on Finance; and
WHEREAS, in 2019, Mr. Sitan was elected as a delegate for the 4th FSM National Constitutional Convention and he served as the Chairman of the Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sitan had devoted over 30 years of his public service life to the management and development of fisheries in the Nation and is recognized and respected for his comprehensive knowledge and extensive experience in the area of fisheries and should heretofore, be remembered as a forefather of FSM commercial fisheries development; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fifth Regular Session, 2020, that Congress hereby expresses its sincere gratitude to the late Peter Sitan for his innumerable contributions to the FSM and its people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia and Elihter Edgar.

Date: 10/2/20

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper
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