A RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and achievements of one of the last founding fathers of this Nation, and expressing the sincere condolences and sadness of the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to the family of the late Honorable Hilary Tacheliol, at his passing on September 5, 2020.

WHEREAS, Hilary Tacheliol was born on March 23, 1940 on the island of Mogmog in Ulithi, Yap, and passed away on September 5, 2020 at the age of 80; and

WHEREAS, Hilary Tacheliol graduated from Xavier High School in Chuuk in 1963, and from the University of Guam in 1968 earning Bachelors degrees in Political Science and Secondary Education, with a minor in Sociology; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the University of Guam, Hilary Tacheliol returned to Yap and committed to a life of service to the people of Yap and the Federated States of Micronesia for over 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Hilary Tacheliol was notably known as one of the last remaining founding fathers of the Federated States of Micronesia in his contributions to independence through the FSM Constitution as a delegate from Yap to the Micronesian Constitutional Convention of 1975 in Saipan; and

WHEREAS, some of Hilary Tacheliol’s significant contributions to the development and growth of the State of Yap and the Federated States of Micronesia include the following:

- An educator in various schools across Yap, including
being the first native Vice Principal for the Outer Islands High School in the late 1960’s;

- A Yap District Official, including working as the District Administrative Representative and Deputy District Administrator in the early 1970’s;

- The first Lieutenant Governor of the State of Yap from January 8, 1979 to January 12, 1987;

- A Cabinet Member and Consultant to various Governors of Yap State in subsequent Administrations; including serving as Director of Youth and Civic Affairs, Director of Administrative Office, Special Advisor and Consultant to the Governor; from 1987 to his retirement from government services in 2003;

- The longest serving member on the FSM Development Bank’s Board of Directors from 1991 to 2015 holding different leadership positions on the board including being Chairperson in 1995;

- The Chief of Mogmog island, and Acting Chairman of the Council of Tamol until his passing; and

WHEREAS, Hilary Tacheliol’s work in government and the communities, his leadership, generosity, work ethic, humorous character and wisdom will be greatly missed by our Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia strongly believes our Nation has benefited greatly from the late Honorable Hilary Tacheliol through his leadership and dedication
to his many government and community positions spanning over 50 years; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States, Fifth Regular Session, 2020, honors the life and achievements of a founding father of this Nation, and expresses its sincere condolences and sadness to the family of the late Honorable Hilary Tacheliol, at his passing on September 5, 2020, at the age of 80 years old; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Chairman of the Council of Pilung, the Chairman of the Council of Tamol, the Governor of the state of Yap, the Speaker of the 10th Yap State Legislature and the family of the late Honorable Hilary Tacheliol.

Date: 10/2/20

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