A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sincere condolences and sadness of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to the family of the late Honorable Alik L. Alik, at his passing on November 7, 2020, at the age of 67 years old.

1. WHEREAS, the late Honorable Alik L. Alik was born in Tafunsak in the state of Kosrae on January 26, 1953, and passed away on November 7, 2020; and

2. WHEREAS, the late Honorable Alik L. Alik attended elementary school and high school in the state of Kosrae, the United States International University in Hawaii from 1973 to 1976 and from 1976 to 1979 Graceland College in Iowa where he was awarded an internship from the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands to work for the Department of Education; and

3. WHEREAS, after attending Graceland College the late Honorable Alik L. Alik worked as a student counselor at Kosrae State High School for two years before attending a paralegal program in 1982 at the University of Hawaii Law School; and

4. WHEREAS, after returning to the Federated States of Micronesia the late Honorable Alik L. Alik was employed as a law clerk at the FSM Supreme Court; and

5. WHEREAS, the late Honorable Alik L. Alik was hired within a year by the Department of Foreign Affairs as a Foreign Service Officer thus beginning a diplomatic career of distinction; and
WHEREAS, the late Honorable Alik L. Alik served as the Deputy Chief for the Division of South Pacific Affairs; and
WHEREAS, the late Honorable Alik L. Alik was the 1st FSM Ambassador to Fiji (1989 to 1998), during this period he was also honored with being the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Fiji from 1992 to 1998; and
WHEREAS, following his tenure in Fiji the late Honorable Alik L. Alik served as the Ambassador to Japan from 1998 to 2003; and
WHEREAS, the late Honorable Alik L. Alik was known by his colleagues in the Department of Foreign Affairs, as well as in the National Government as a whole, for his competence, diligence and professionalism [regarding all issues assigned to him and his hard work, but he was also known for his generosity and diplomatic manner at all times; and]
WHEREAS, the late Honorable Alik L. Alik is further distinguished by having a second career in government service beginning in 2003 when he won the Kosrae State at-large four year seat to represent that state as a senator in the Thirteenth [Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia], serving as chairman of the Committee on Resources and Development, during the Fourteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia he assumed the chairmanship of the Committee on External Affairs, providing strong leadership and showing initiative in all the committee endeavors; and
WHEREAS, the late Honorable Alik L. Alik was re-elected as Kosrae State’s at-large four year senator in 2007, and in the May 2007 reorganization of Congress that he was selected as the Vice-President of the Federated States of Micronesia serving from May 11, 2007 to May 11, 2015; and

WHEREAS, as the Seventh Vice President of the Federated States of Micronesia he was the embodiment of the diplomat, able to represent the Nation on the international stage, he engaged with leaders at the highest level without ever losing sight of interests of the people of our small island nation, he worked tirelessly, never ceasing to maintain his diplomatic manner; and

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Alik L. Alik returned to the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia in July 2015 and served in both the 19th and 20th Congress as Vice Chairman of the Committees on Health and Social Affairs, and Transportation and Communication; and

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Alik L. Alik served at the highest levels of government in the Federated States of Micronesia for most of the first forty years of this Nation’s existence, participating in the decisions and shaping the direction of this young Nation, through his dedication and personal integrity he assisted in the forging of a strong foundation for our future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia strongly believes our Nation has benefited greatly
from the late Honorable Alik L. Alik through his leadership,
dedication and wisdom as he applied it to his many important
government positions spanning over forty years; [now, therefore] and,

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Alik L. Alik was survived by
his wife Mrs. Shra Alik, his two children Greg and Uruslla and
four grandchildren; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Twenty-First Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia, Ninth Special Session, 2020,
that Congress wishes to express its sincere condolences and
sadness to the family of the late Honorable Alik L. Alik, at
his passing on November 7, 2020, at the age of 67 years old;
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated
States of Micronesia and the family of the late Honorable Alik
L. Alik

Date: 11/24/20  Introduced by: /s/ Paliknoa K. Welly
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/s/ Aren B. Palik
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