A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sincere condolences of the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to the family Bethwel Henry, at his passing on December 16, 2020, the last Founding Father of the Nation and the first Speaker of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia.

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Bethwel Henry was one of the pioneering giants who charted and navigated the course of independence and nation building in Micronesia, and was one of the Founding Fathers of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Bethwel Henry began his political career for the people of the Micronesian region in 1966 as the 2nd and last Speaker of the Congress of Micronesia through the breakup of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands in 1978 and was elected to hold the same role in the newly formed constitutional government of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Bethwel Henry was elected to serve as the first Speaker of the Congress of Federated States of Micronesia, was seated on May 10, 1979, and for the next eight years (1979 -1987), maintained the Speakership role during the formative stages of the national government of the newly emerged Nation; and

WHEREAS, the late Bethwel Henry’s visions helped established the legislations that created the national government, established the Congress administration, and management of the institution;
WHEREAS, the late Honorable Bethwel Henry, served his next twenty years (1988 -2007) as the Nation’s Postmaster General during which time he helped secure the continuity in the relationship with the United States Postal Service whereby our Nation would remain closely aligned with the U.S. Postal system; and

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Bethwel spent over four decades in public service to the Nation; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement from public service, the late Honorable Bethwel Henry maintained his various civic roles in the national, state, municipal and local communities and most recently as a member of the Joint Committee on Compact Review and Planning (JCRP); and

WHEREAS, throughout his lifetime, the late Bethwel Henry remained an active leader and member of the United Church of Christ in Pohnpei (UCCP), serving as the President of the Pohnpei State Christian Endeavor Society and held the respected title of Senior Pastor of Kepinle Church; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia greatly appreciates the hard work of the late Honorable Bethwel Henry and his many contributions to this Nation, and it would like to extend its sincere condolences to his family; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Twenty-First Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2021, that Congress hereby expresses its sincere condolences and sadness to the family of the late Honorable Bethwel Henry, at his passing on December 16, 2020, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Governor of Pohnpei State and the family of the late Honorable Bethwel Henry

Date: 2/1/21

Introduced by: /s/ Peter M. Christian

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