TWENTY-FIRST CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

TENTH SPECIAL SESSION, 2021

C.R. NO. 21-270

A RESOLUTION


WHEREAS, it is with sadness that the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia has learned of the untimely passing of the Honorable Isiro Choram, a well-respected State Senator, a beloved husband, a devoted father of four children: Iokada Choram, Mercy Choram, Joewan Choram, and Neinaleen Choram and a very proud grandfather of eleven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2021 the Honorable Isiro Choram, President of the Senate, Fifteen Chuuk State Legislature, was laid to rest at Guam Memorial Hospital at approximately 8:40 P.M.; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Isiro Choram was born on Ettal island, Chuuk State. He grew up on Ettal Island and moved to Pohnpei State where he attended the Palikir Elementary School in 1950 to 1955, and in the same year of 1955, he transferred and attended the Ettal Elementary School and graduated with a certificate of completion; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Isiro Choram continued his education at the Truk Intermediate School and graduated with a
diploma. He continued his education at the Truk High School in 1962, and graduated in 1965. After graduating from high school, he continued his education at the College of Micronesia where he earned an Associate of Science Degree. The Honorable Isiro Choram continued his education at the Eastern Oregon State College of Education and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1984; and

WHEREAS, always proud of his Ettal tradition, the Honorable Isiro Choram was the President of the Mid-Mortlocks Youth Association, and was also the Vice President of the Mid and Lower Mortlocks youth association. He was a very active member in his Ettal Island Protestant Church congregation where he ordained as deacon, and in the later years, he was ordained as a Pastor; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Isiro Choram began what would become a life-long devotion to public service. From 1965 to 1986, he was a classroom teacher at the Ettal Elementary School. He was well-respected by his fellow teachers and the Department of Education and he was unanimously appointed to serve as the school principal and served in the capacity for 21 years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his tenure as the Principal of Ettal Elementary School, the Honorable Isiro Choram was elected to the municipal Council and was selected as the Chairman and Chief Magistrate; and
WHEREAS, from 1986 to 1990, the Honorable Isiro Choram was elected to the House of Representatives, Third Chuuk State Legislature representing representative district 9; consisting of Namoluk, Ettal, Moch and Kuttu Municipalities and in 1990 he was elected to the Senate and he served as the Chairman of the Senator Standing Committee on Health, Education & Welfare (HEW). In 1990, he served as the Senate Floor Leader, and the served in the capacity in 7 years; and

WHEREAS, in 1997 the Honorable Isiro Choram began to served as the Senate Vice President. After Senate President Mark Mailo’s succession to the official capacity of Lieutenant Governor of Chuuk State, the Honorable Isiro Choram was unanimously appointed and selected as the Senate President of the Fifteenth Chuuk State Legislature in 2019 until his untimely passing; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Isiro Choram was peacefully called to his eternal rest on February 1, 2021, at the Guam Memorial Hospital approximately 8:40 p.m. and leaving behind his family, to wit his present wife Jestina Mathew Choram, four children, and eleven grandchildren by his late wife; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Isiro Choram consistently demonstrated his ability in serving the best interest of his community and his dedication to the State throughout his life time. He will be dearly missed by all who had experienced his extraordinary life; and
WHEREAS, the late Honorable Isiro Choram, President of the Senate, Fifteenth Chuuk State Legislature as one of the great pillars in public service for his people in Chuuk who gave his time and effort freely to help make and shape the lives of his fellow citizens better, thus providing a living example of how a public servant should be; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Tenth Special Session, 2021, that Congress hereby expresses its deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to the family, friends, and the entire Mortlocks Region for the untimely passing of the late Honorable Isiro Choram; 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 Chuuk State and the family of the late Honorable Isiro Choram.

Date: 4/2/21

Introduced by: /s/ Wesley W. Simina

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