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July 27, 2022

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina Speaker FSM Congress Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear Speaker Simina:

I transmit herewith a certified copy of Congressional Resolution No. 22-134, which was adopted by the Twenty-Second Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fifth Special Session, 2022.

Sincerely,

Jessicalynn Reyes

Chief Clerk

Congress of the

Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures



TWENTY-SECOND CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION JULY 18 – 22, 2022

## A RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE SINCERE CONDOLENCES AND SADNESS OF THE TWENTY-SECOND CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA TO THE FAMILY OF DR. RUFINO MAURICIO AT HIS PASSING ON JUNE 26, 2022.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: PETER M. CHRISTIAN

DATE: JULY 19, 2022

ADOPTED: JULY 22, 2022

Jessicalynn Reyes Chief Clerk, FSM Congress

## A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sincere condolences and sadness of the Twenty-Second Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to the family of Dr. Rufino Mauricio at his passing on June 26, 2022.

- 1 WHEREAS, the late Dr. Rufino Mauricio was born in Pohnpei on
- August 12, 1949, he was a gifted scholar from an early age, after
- 3 receiving his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at the University of
- Oregon he obtained his doctorate in Anthropology also from the
- 5 University of Oregon in 1982; and
- WHEREAS, the late Dr. Mauricio spent an extensive career in 6
- government service spanning 40 years, and became a leading 7
- authority in historical and cultural matters in the Pacific; and
- 9 WHEREAS, the late Dr. Mauricio conducted extensive field
- research and preservation activities throughout our Nation, his
- diligent cataloguing and organization forms a core part of our
- 12 cultural historical records; and
- 13 WHEREAS, his extensive career also includes original survey,
- excavation and laboratory work, over his long career he published 14
- 15 over a dozen articles and reports which made him a respected
- regional expert in Pacific prehistory, ethno-archaeology and 16
- 17 Micronesian myth and folklore; and
- 18 WHEREAS, the late Dr. Mauricio spent several years as a
- 19 graduate fellow teaching and being responsible for course work
- development at the University of Oregon, and as an anthropology 20

- 1 field work technician (1983-1989); and
- WHEREAS, between 1987 and 1993 he taught courses in Pacific
- 3 Island Studies and Pacific Anthropology, in 1993 he became a staff
- 4 archaeologist for the Office of National Archives, Culture &
- 5 Historic Preservation and in 1995 he became a National Historic
- 6 Preservation Officer for that Office; and
- WHEREAS, the late Dr. Mauricio served as Assistant Secretary
- 8 for the Division of Social Affairs at the National Department of
- 9 Health & Social Affairs where he remained until he was confirmed
- 10 as the Director of the Office of National Archives, Culture &
- 11 Historic Preservation in 2008 at which time he also served as
- 12 Secretary-General for the FSM National Commission for the United
- 13 Nations Education, Science and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- 14 where his work resulted in the naming of Nan Madol as a UNESCO
- 15 recognized historical site; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the late Dr. Mauricio next served as National
- 17 Secretary of Education from 2011 to 2015 after which he returned
- 18 as the Director of the Office of the National Archives, Culture &
- 19 Historic Preservation where he remained until his passing; and
- 20 WHEREAS, the late Dr. Mauricio was an extraordinary
- 21 representative to the rest of the world regarding the history
- 22 and culture of our Nation, he shared his knowledge generously,
- 23 worked with the younger generations mentoring and educating
- 24 students, he was as kind as he was dedicated to his work and
- 25 will be much missed; and

1	WHERAS, the people of the Federated States of Micronesia have
2	benefited from the late Dr. Mauricio's strong leadership in
3	education, anthropology, and historical preservation and his
4	commitment to protecting and promoting the culture and
5	historical records of our Nation; now, therefore
6	BE IT RESOLVED by the Twentieth-Second Congress of the
7	Federated States of Micronesia, Fifth Special Session, 2022, that
8	the Congress hereby expresses its sincere condolences and sadness
9	to the family of the late Dr. Rufino Mauricio at his passing on
10	June 26, 2022; and
11	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12	resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
13	of Micronesia and the family of the late Dr. Rufino Mauricio.
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17	ADOPTED: July 22, 2022 Wesley W. Simina
18	Speaker
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23	ATTEST:
24	Jessicalynn Reyes Chief Clerk FSM Congress

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