TWENTY-SECOND CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FIFTH REGULAR SESSION, 2022

C.R. No. 22-163

A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sincere condolences and sadness of the Twenty-Second Congress of the Federated States of Microensia, to the family of the former Secretary of the FSM Department of Health and Social Affairs, Dr. Vita Akapito Skilling, at her passing on August 4, 2022 at the age of sixty-nine.

1 WHEREAS, the late Dr. Vita Akapito Skilling was a dedicated 2 and diligent individual with a career in government service both 3 at the national government and for the state of Kosrae spanning 4 thirty years; and

5 WHEREAS, the late Dr. Vita Akapito Skilling served as 6 Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Affairs for two 7 terms starting in December 19, 2007 under the Mori-Alik 8 Administration; and

9 WHEREAS, the late Dr. Vita Akapito Skilling served as a 10 medical doctor serving the people of Kosrae; and

11 WHEREAS, the late Dr. Vita Akapito Skilling completed her 12 medical education training at the Pacific Basin Medical Officers 13 Training Program of the University of Hawaii, John Burn's School of Medicine in 1992, completed her residency in 14 Pediatrics at the Fiji School of Medicine, completed her post-15 16 graduate distance learning from the University of Otago in New 17 Zealand, and completed her undergraduate education from Grand Valley State University in 1977; and 18

19 WHEREAS, the late Dr. Skilling contributed important health

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policies that benefited this nation, as well as, the state of 1 2 Kosrae during her many years of service in the health profession and was very well respected by her colleagues and citizens; and 3 4 WHEREAS, with her extensive experience in the health 5 profession, late Dr. Vita Akapito Skilling continued to guide our Nation forward contributing not only to our development, but 6 7 to the growth and well-being of the whole Pacific region; now, 8 therefore, 9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Second Congress of the 10 Federated States of Micronesia, Fifth Regular Session, 2022, 11 that Congress hereby expresses its sincere condolences and 12 sadness to the family of the late Dr. Vita Akapito Skilling at 13 her passing on August 4, 2022 at the age of sixty nine; and 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 15 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated 16 States of Micronesia and the family of the late Dr. Vita Akapito 17 Skilling. 18 Date: 9/19/22 Introduced by: /s/ Wesley W. Simina 19 Wesley W. Simina 20 21 22 23 /s/ Perpetua S. Konam Perpetua S. Konman 24 25