December 22, 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. 22-177, which was adopted by the Twenty-Second Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Special Session, 2022.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Jessica Lynn Reyes
Chief Clerk
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures
A RESOLUTION


INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: FERNY S. PERMAN FOR FLORENCIO S. HARPER (BY REQUEST)

DATE: NOVEMBER 29, 2022

ADOPTED: NOVEMBER 30, 2022

Jessica Lynn 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 the former Chief Justice of the Palau Supreme Court, the late Chief Justice Arthur Ngiraklsong, at his passing on November 16, 2022.

1 WHEREAS, the late Chief Justice Arthur Ngiraklsong passed away two and half years after he resigned from his post as the Chief Justice of the Palau Supreme Court; and

2 WHEREAS, the Republic of Palau justices are appointed for life and would only leave their post through death, resignation, or removal for specific causes; hence, late Chief Justice Arthur Ngiraklsong resigned from his position as Chief Justice on June 1, 2020, after he suffered a stroke; and

3 WHEREAS, the late Chief Justice Arthur Ngiraklsong became the second person appointed Chief Justice of Palau’s Supreme Court after Chief Justice Mamoru Nakamura passed away in 1992, in which he served as Chief Justice for twenty-eight years; and

4 WHEREAS, the late Chief Justice Arthur Ngiraklsong completed a Doctor of Jurisprudence at Rutgers University in the United States of America and graduated in 1974;

5 WHEREAS, the late Chief Justice Arthur Ngiraklsong served as the Staff Attorney of the Micronesian Constitutional Convention from April 1975 to April 1976; and

6 WHEREAS, the late Chief Justice Arthur Ngiraklsong served
as a staff attorney for the Congress of Micronesia in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands from 1976 to 1979; and

WHEREAS, the late Chief Justice Arthur Ngiraklsong served as the Assistant Legislative Counsel for the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia from August 1979 to September 1979; and

WHEREAS, the late Chief Justice Arthur Ngiraklsong served as the Legislative Counsel for the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia from December 1979 to September 1980; and

WHEREAS, the late Chief Justice Arthur Ngiraklsong served as the Assistant Attorney General for the Government of Guam for six years starting from June 1981 to July 1986; and

WHEREAS, the late Chief Justice Arthur Ngiraklsong served as the Associate Justice of the Palau Supreme Court appointed by President Lazarus E. Salii from July 14, 1986 to November 13, 1992; and

WHEREAS, the late Chief Justice Arthur Ngiraklsong served as the Chief Justice of the Palau Supreme Court appointed by President Ngiratkel Etpison from November 13, 1992 to June 01, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the late Chief Justice Arthur Ngiraklsong served as a member of the Executive Board for the Pacific Judicial Council for over twenty years, and has contributed immensely toward the establishment of a strong Education Committee.
dedicated to teaching the rule of law in Guam, CNMI, American Samoa, the Republic of Palau, Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei and Yap; and

WHEREAS, late Chief Justice Arthur Ngirakelson was a visionary leader and trailblazer who stands as the longest presiding Chief Justice in the history of the Republic of Palau, in which he retained competent jurists to oversee the delivery of justice to the people of Palau; and

WHEREAS, the late Chief Justice Arthur Ngiraklsong leaves behind a legacy of judicial standards that all present and future judges will emulate; and

WHEREAS, the late Chief Justice Arthur Ngiraklsong has a remarkable public service history, from his positions in Guam and the Federated States of Micronesia to his long service to the judiciary of Palau; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Second Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Special Session, 2022, that Congress hereby expresses its sincere condolences and sadness to the family of the late Chief Justice Arthur Ngiraklsong, at his passing on November 16, 2022; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the President of the Republic of Palau and the family of the late Chief Justice Arthur Ngiraklsong.

ADOPTED: November 30, 2022

[Signature]
Wesley W. Simina
Speaker
FSM Congress

ATTEST:
[Signature]
Jessicalynn Reyes
Chief Clerk
FSM Congress