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.

WHEREAS, the late Dr. Rufino Mauricio was born in Pohnpei on August 12, 1949, he was a gifted scholar from an early age, after receiving his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees at the University of Oregon he obtained his doctorate in Anthropology also from the University of Oregon in 1982; and

WHEREAS, the late Dr. Mauricio spent an extensive career in government service spanning 40 years, and became a leading authority in historical and cultural matters in the Pacific; and

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 cultural historical records; and

WHEREAS, his extensive career also includes original survey, excavation and laboratory work, over his long career he published over a dozen articles and reports which made him a respected regional expert in Pacific prehistory, ethno-archaeology and Micronesian myth and folklore; and

WHEREAS, the late Dr. Mauricio spent several years as a graduate fellow teaching and being responsible for course work development at the University of Oregon, and as an anthropology
field work technician (1983-1989); and

WHEREAS, between 1987 and 1993 he taught courses in Pacific Island Studies and Pacific Anthropology, in 1993 he became a staff archaeologist for the Office of National Archives, Culture & Historic Preservation and in 1995 he became a National Historic Preservation Officer for that Office; and

WHEREAS, the late Dr. Mauricio served as Assistant Secretary for the Division of Social Affairs at the National Department of Health & Social Affairs where he remained until he was confirmed as the Director of the Office of National Archives, Culture & Historic Preservation in 2008 at which time he also served as Secretary-General for the FSM National Commission for the United Nations Education, Science and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) where his work resulted in the naming of Nan Madol as a UNESCO recognized historical site; and

WHEREAS, the late Dr. Mauricio next served as National Secretary of Education from 2011 to 2015 after which he returned as the Director of the Office of the National Archives, Culture & Historic Preservation where he remained until his passing; and

WHEREAS, the late Dr. Mauricio was an extraordinary representative to the rest of the world regarding the history and culture of our Nation, he shared his knowledge generously, worked with the younger generations mentoring and educating students, he was as kind as he was dedicated to his work and will be much missed; and
WHERAS, the people of the Federated States of Micronesia have benefited from the late Dr. Mauricio’s strong leadership in education, anthropology, and historical preservation and his commitment to protecting and promoting the culture and historical records of our Nation; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Twentieth-Second Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fifth Special Session, 2022, that the Congress hereby expresses its sincere condolences and sadness to the family of the late Dr. Rufino Mauricio at his passing on June 26, 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia and the family of the late Dr. Rufino Mauricio.

Date: 7/19/22

Introduced by: /s/ Peter M. Christian
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