A RESOLUTION

Expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the Twenty-Second Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to His Excellency Peter Yoshiyasu Sato for his friendship and support of the Federated States of Micronesia while serving as President of the Association for Promotion of International Cooperation.

1 WHEREAS, His Excellency Peter Yoshiyasu Sato, during a long and distinguished career in the diplomatic service of Japan, served his country with distinction in many of the capitals of the worlds largest and most powerful nations, and
2 WHEREAS, His Excellency Peter Yoshiyasu Sato, ended his career in Japan’s diplomatic service as Ambassador to The People’s Republic of China, one of the most critical and sensitive posts that a diplomat in service to Japan can be assigned, and
3 WHEREAS, His Excellency Peter Yoshiyasu Sato, upon his retirement from Japan’s diplomatic corps, was asked to serve as President of the Tokyo-based Foundation, the Association for Promotion of International Cooperation (APIC), which is responsible for nurturing close ties between Japan and the nations of Oceania and the Caribbean, and
4 WHEREAS, His Excellency Peter Yoshiyasu Sato, as President of APIC, has overseen the development of numerous programs and initiatives that have strengthening ties between Japan and the Federated States of Micronesia, and
WHEREAS, those programs and initiatives have been as varied as assistance to provide potable water supplies to hard-hit areas of the FSM, sponsorship of visits to Japan by up-and-coming leaders from business, civil society and the business communities, and helps fund full-ride undergraduate and graduate scholarships to Sophia University in Tokyo for promising students from the FSM, Palau and the Marshall Islands; and

WHEREAS, His Excellency Peter Yoshiasu Sato has visited the FSM on numerous occasions to assess first-hand how best to focus the significant resources available to APIC that could benefit the citizens of the FSM; and

WHEREAS, His Excellency Peter Yoshiasu Sato has on more occasions than can be counted extended his personal hospitality and friendship to scores of FSM citizens who had the opportunity to spend time in Japan; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Third Special Session, 2021, that Congress hereby offers the heart-felt thanks of a grateful nation to His Excellency Peter Yoshiasu Sato for his indefatigable support and friendship offered to the FSM and its citizens during his long and successful tenure as President of APIC, and which recently came to an end with his retirement, and
BE IT RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia and His Excellency John Fritz, FSM Ambassador to Japan, for personal delivery to His Excellency Peter Yoshiyasu Sato.

Date: 12/13/21

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper

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