A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sincere condolences and sadness of the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to the family of the late Honorable Florencio Singkoro Harper, Senator of the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia representing Congressional District One of the state of Chuuk, at his passing on January 8, 2024.

- 1 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Florencio Singkoro Harper was
- 2 born on October 11, 1953, and passed away on January 8, 2024; and
- 3 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Florencio Singkoro Harper began
- 4 his education at Satowan Elementary School followed by attending
- 5 the prestigious Xavier High School before continuing his studies
- 6 at the Community College of Micronesia; a life-long learner, the
- 7 late Honorable Florencio Singkoro Harper earned knowledge and
- 8 accolades from Blackstone Law School correspondence courses, Dale
- 9 Carnegie Public Speaking courses, Evaluation of Laws and Good
- 10 Leadership, Principles of Accounting, and Biblical Self-Help
- 11 courses; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Florencio Singkoro Harper began
- 13 his over four-decade commitment to public service at the Chuuk
- 14 State Department of Health Services as a Lab Technician before
- 15 serving as a classroom teacher at the Department of Education; and
- 16 WHEREAS, in April 1982, the late Honorable Florencio Singkoro
- 17 Harper was first elected to the Chuuk State Legislature, where he
- 18 devoted twenty-nine consecutive years to serving, both as a Member
- 19 when the Chuuk State Legislature was unicameral, and later as a
- 20 Member of the House of Representatives when the Legislature

- 1 transitioned to bicameral; and
- 2 WHEREAS, during his long and distinguished service in the
- 3 House of Representative of the Chuuk State Legislature, the late
- 4 Honorable Florencio Singkoro Harper filled numerous roles in
- 5 leadership, including as Chair of various committees, Floor
- 6 Leader, and Speaker of the House of Representatives for the
- 7 Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Legislatures; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Florencio Singkoro Harper was
- 9 first elected to the Congress of the Federated States of
- 10 Micronesia in 2011, as the two-year Senator representing
- 11 Congressional District One of Chuuk to the Seventeenth Congress
- 12 and, in appreciation of his commitment, achievements, and
- 13 exceptional record of service, was re-elected by his constituents
- 14 in each subsequent election up to and including election to the
- 15 current Twenty-Third Congress; and
- 16 WHEREAS, upon his election to the Seventeenth Congress and in
- 17 recognition of his three decades of experience in the Chuuk State
- 18 Legislature, the late Honorable Florencio Singkoro Harper was
- 19 selected as Floor Leader of the Seventeenth Congress, and served
- 20 in that distinguished role through the Twenty-Second Congress; and
- 21 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Florencio Singkoro Harper was
- 22 most recently re-elected to the Twenty-Third Congress, and held
- 23 the position of Vice Chair of the Education Committee, while also
- 24 serving on the Committees on Health and Social Affairs and
- 25 Judiciary and Governmental Operations; and

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- 1 WHEREAS, in addition to his lengthy legislative career, the
- 2 late Honorable Florencio Singkoro Harper served his community,
- 3 state, and country in numerous capacities, including as a member
- 4 of the Head Start Policy Council and the Board of Directors of
- 5 Truk Organization for Community Action (TOCA), member of the First
- 6 Satowan Constitutional Convention, Floor Leader of the Third Chuuk
- 7 State Constitutional Convention, and member of the Board of
- 8 Directors of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures
- 9 (APIL), Pacific Island Development Bank (PIDB), and Caroline
- 10 Islands Air (CIA); and
- 11 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Florencio Singkoro Harper was
- 12 widely respected by all those fortunate to have the opportunity to
- 13 work with him, and is remembered for his tremendous career and
- 14 commitment to public service, integrity and leadership, and an
- 15 unwavering dedication to the continued development, growth, and
- 16 protection of our Nation; and
- 17 WHEREAS, the people of the Federated States of Micronesia
- 18 have benefited immeasurably from the life and service of the late
- 19 Honorable Florencio Singkoro Harper; and
- 20 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Florencio Singkoro Harper is
- 21 survived by his wife Meriam, and their five children and many
- 22 grandchildren; now, therefore,
- 23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated
- 24 States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2024, that Congress
- 25 hereby expresses its sincere condolences and sadness to the family

1 of the late Honorable Florencio Singkoro Harper at his passing on 2 January 8, 2024; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States 5 of Micronesia and the family of the late Honorable Florencio 6 Singkoro Harper. 8 Date: <u>1/10/24</u> Introduced by: /s/ Robson U. Romolow Robson U. Romolow

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