



# TWENTY-THIRD CONGRESS

## Federated States of Micronesia



## Senator Tiwiter Aritos

### SUMMARY

State of Chuuk: 2-yr, ED.4  
Guam Community College (1987)  
Elected to 13CFSM (2003 - )  
DOB: March 31, 1961

### COMMITTEES:

Chairman, Chuuk Congressional Delegation  
Chairman: Judiciary and Governmental Operations  
Member: External Affairs; Ways and Means

**The Honorable Tiwiter Aritos,** is a two-year Member from the State of Chuuk representing Congressional District Four (4) or the Faichuk Region in the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia. He is the Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations with membership on External Affairs; Ways and Means.

Senator Aritos was first elected to 13<sup>th</sup> FSM Congress in 2003, and has since been reelected to maintained his seat in the subsequent Congresses. Born on March 31, 1961 on the island of Tolensom, Aritos began his formal education at the Foup Elementary School with his secondary education undertaken in Guam at the George Washington High School where he graduated in 1981. Senator Aritos continued with his educational endeavors at the Guam Community College where he completed his courses in 1987 and returned to his home state of Chuuk worked at the Department of Public Safety (1988-1992).

In 1992, Aritos entered the private sector as an employee of the Bank of the Federated States of Micronesia and maintained his role until 1997 when he declared his candidacy for the Faichuuk Senate seat in the Chuuk State Legislature. He was elected to the State Senate and maintained his seat for the next 13 years, throughout which served on the various Senate Committees including being the Chairman of the Committee on the Judicial and Governmental Relations.

Aritos entered the 2003 national elections and was successful as a candidate for Chuuk Congressional District Four. On May 11, 2003 Aritos was seated as a Member of the 13<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia and has since been reelected to maintain his seat in the national body. Throughout his 16 years in the Congress, Senator Aritos had served on all of the Standing Committees including being Chairman of the Committee on the Judicial and Governmental Relations, vice chairman or member on most of the committees. He has been the Chairman of the Chuuk delegation since the 15<sup>th</sup> Congress in 2007 and is currently the most senior member of his delegation.

Senator Aritos is an active member of various Chuuk State Sports Associations. Aritos served as Head Coach for the Chuuk State Men's Volleyball Team which held four National Championships and also served as a coach for the FSM National Men's Volleyball Team which represented the nation at the last South Pacific Games held in Guam, USA; and currently at the 8<sup>th</sup> Micro Games ongoing in the State of Pohnpei in the Federated States of Micronesia.

Senator Aritos is an active member of the Chuuk evangelical Church where his father, Haruo Aritos, is a senior pastor. He is active in working with church leaders to organize and coordinate church activities especially those activities involving the youth.

Senator Tiwiter Aritos is married to the former Lydia James of Uman, Chuuk State and they have six children.