A RESOLUTION

Expressing deepest sympathy and sincerest condolences to the family and friends of the late Lieutenant Governor Strik Yoma and to the people of the State of Ponape and the entire Federated States of Micronesia for his untimely passing.

WHEREAS, on the weekend of September 1-2, 1984, the Honorable Strik Yoma, Micronesian statesman and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ponape, passed away in Honolulu, Hawaii, at the age of 47 years; and

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Strik Yoma evidenced his exceptional abilities early in life, beginning his distinguished career in public service as a teacher at the Ponape Intermediate School in 1957, and later serving as assistant principal of said school prior to attending college; and

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Strik Yoma was among the first Trust Territory citizens to study abroad and acquire a college degree; and

WHEREAS, during the late Honorable Strik Yoma's studies at the Guam Territorial College and the University of Hawaii, he was known to his friends, classmates, and teachers as an outstanding and exemplary student; and

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Strik Yoma served as Chief Clerk of the Senate of the First Congress of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Strik Yoma served as an assistant political affairs officer and assistant public affairs officer for the Trust Territory Government before his historical appointment in 1972, when he was named Director of the Trust Territory Department of Public Affairs, thereby becoming the first Micronesian to be appointed to such a high position in the Trust Territory Government; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished tenure with the Trust Territory Government, the late Honorable Strik Yoma made invaluable contributions to the political and social development of the Micronesian people; and
WHEREAS, in 1978, the late Honorable Strik Yoma returned to his home State of Ponape to serve as special assistant to the Acting Governor, and later as Acting Lieutenant Governor; and

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Strik Yoma was a founding father of constitutional government for his people, serving with great distinction as a delegate to both the Micronesian and Ponape State Constitutional Conventions; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, the late Honorable Strik Yoma became the first popularly elected Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ponape, a position to which he was re-elected for a second term in 1983; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his untimely death, the late Honorable Strik Yoma was the chairman of the Board of Directors of the Ponape Transportation Authority and chairman of the Planning Committee of the State Constitution Public Information Program, as well as serving on the Board of Regents of the College of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Strik Yoma was well-known by leaders throughout the Pacific for his untiring efforts to promote friendship, cooperation, and mutual understanding among the peoples of the region; and

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Strik Yoma was well-known and much admired throughout his illustrious career by the people of Ponape and Micronesia for his commitment and dedication to their advancement; and

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Strik Yoma commands the highest praise and respect for the noble and selfless public service to which he devoted his professional life; and

WHEREAS, the late Honorable Strik Yoma's untimely death has bereaved
1 his family, his friends, and all those who knew him; and
2 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Strik Yoma will be sorely missed by all
3 whose lives were touched by his warmth, generosity, and dedication to
4 the highest ideals of mankind; and
5 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Strik Yoma is survived by his wife,
6 Sizue Yoma; two sons, Norton and Manuel; three daughters, Melina, Neong,
7 and Esuroi; and a brother, Fred Yoma; and
8 WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia joins his
9 family, friends, and the people of the State of Ponape and the Federated
10 States of Micronesia in mourning the death of the late Honorable Strik
11 Yoma; now, therefore,
12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Third Congress of the Federated States of
13 Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 1984, that the Congress hereby
14 expresses its deepest sympathy and extends its sincerest condolences to the
15 family and friends of the late Honorable Strik Yoma and to the people of
16 the State of Ponape and the entire Federated States of Micronesia for his
17 untimely passing; and
18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be
19 transmitted to the family of the late Honorable Strik Yoma, the Governor
20 of the State of Ponape, the Chief Justice of the State of Ponape, the
21 Speaker of the Ponape State Legislature, the paramount traditional leaders
22 of the Statè of Ponape, the chief executive of each municipality and town
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of the State of Ponape, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, and the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

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Introduced by:

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