

A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sincere sadness and condolences to the family of the Honorable Tony deBrum, and to the government and citizens of the Republic of the Marshall Islands at his passing on August 22, 2017.

1 WHEREAS, Tony deBrum was born on February 26, 1945, on Likiep
2 Atoll in the Marshall Islands, and went on to have a career in
3 government service spanning 50 years, becoming one of the Republic
4 of the Marshall Islands' most important leaders and serving as a
5 national senator, minister and the Ambassador for Climate Change
6 for the Republic of the Marshall Islands; and

7 WHEREAS, the Honorable Tony deBrum grew up in the Marshall
8 Islands during the period when the United States conducted
9 thermonuclear weapons testing in the Marshall Islands, and
10 throughout his life he worked for nuclear disarmament, and was
11 unmatched in his tireless efforts to pursue redress and justice
12 for radiation victims affected by the testing for his efforts he
13 was awarded the 2012 Nuclear Age Peace Foundation's
14 Distinguished Peace Leader Award, and was alternate for the
15 Nobel Peace Prize itself; and

16 WHEREAS, the Honorable Tony deBrum became one of the first
17 Marshallese to graduate from university in 1968, he was one of the
18 first Marshall Islanders to graduate from College in 1968, from
19 the University of Hawaii-Manoa with a bachelors degree in History
20 and Linguistic, and was one of the leaders in the Marshall

1 Islands' movement for independence, he also participated in the
2 negotiation of the Compact of Free Association with the United
3 States, and the National Constitution for the Republic of the
4 Marshall Islands; and

5 WHEREAS, the Honorable Tony deBrum has been internationally
6 recognized for his work to combat climate change and has been a
7 regional leader for Pacific island countries, giving voice to
8 concerns and the existential threat posed by climate change for
9 low-lying islands; and

10 WHEREAS, the people of the Federated States of Micronesia have
11 benefited from the Honorable Tony deBrum's strong leadership in
12 the Western Pacific and his commitment to protecting and promoting
13 the health and welfare especially of island peoples; and

14 WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of
15 Micronesia wishes to express its sincere sadness and
16 condolences to the family of the Honorable Tony deBrum, and
17 to the government and citizens of the Republic of the
18 Marshall Islands; now, therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twentieth Congress of the Federated
20 States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2017, that the
21 Congress hereby expresses its sincere sadness and condolences to
22 the family of the Honorable Tony deBrum, and to the government and
23 citizens of the Republic of the Marshall Islands at his passing on
24 August 22, 2017; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
3 of Micronesia, the Department of Foreign Affairs, and the wife,
4 Rosali deBrum.

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9 ADOPTED: September 20, 2017

Wesley W. Simina
Speaker
FSM Congress

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Chief Clerk
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