

A RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and achievements of one of the last founding fathers of this Nation, and expressing the sincere condolences and sadness of the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to the family of the late Honorable Hilary Tacheliol, at his passing on September 5, 2020.

1           WHEREAS, Hilary Tacheliol was born on March 23, 1940 on the  
2 island of Mogmog in Ulithi, Yap, and passed away on September 5,  
3 2020 at the age of 80; and

4           WHEREAS, Hilary Tacheliol graduated from Xavier High School  
5 in Chuuk in 1963, and from the University of Guam in 1968 earning  
6 Bachelors degrees in Political Science and Secondary Education,  
7 with a minor in Sociology; and

8           WHEREAS, after graduating from the University of Guam, Hilary  
9 Tacheliol returned to Yap and committed to a life of service to  
10 the people of Yap and the Federated States of Micronesia for over  
11 50 years; and

12           WHEREAS, Hilary Tacheliol was notably known as one of the  
13 last remaining founding fathers of the Federated States of  
14 Micronesia in his contributions to independence through the FSM  
15 Constitution as a delegate from Yap to the Micronesian  
16 Constitutional Convention of 1975 in Saipan; and

17           WHEREAS, some of Hilary Tacheliol's significant contributions  
18 to the development and growth of the State of Yap and the  
19 Federated States of Micronesia include the following:

20           ▪ An educator in various schools across Yap, including

- 1           being the first native Vice Principal for the Outer  
2           Islands High School in the late 1960's;
- 3           ▪ A Yap District Official, including working as the  
4           District Administrative Representative and Deputy  
5           District Administrator in the early 1970's;
  - 6           ▪ The first Lieutenant Governor of the State of Yap from  
7           January 8, 1979 to January 12, 1987;
  - 8           ▪ A Cabinet Member and Consultant to various Governors of  
9           Yap State in subsequent Administrations; including  
10          serving as Director of Youth and Civic Affairs, Director  
11          of Administrative Office, Special Advisor and Consultant  
12          to the Governor; from 1987 to his retirement from  
13          government services in 2003;
  - 14          ▪ The longest serving member on the FSM Development Bank's  
15          Board of Directors from 1991 to 2015 holding different  
16          leadership positions on the board including being  
17          Chairperson in 1995;
  - 18          ▪ The Chief of Mogmog island, and Acting Chairman of the  
19          Council of Tamol until his passing; and

20          WHEREAS, Hilary Tacheliol's work in government and the  
21          communities, his leadership, generosity, work ethic, humorous  
22          character and wisdom will be greatly missed by our Nation; and

23          WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia  
24          strongly believes our Nation has benefited greatly from the late  
25          Honorable Hilary Tacheliol through his leadership and dedication

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1 to his many government and community positions spanning over 50  
2 years; now, therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED, the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated  
4 States, Fifth Regular Session, 2020, honors the life and  
5 achievements of a founding father of this Nation, and expresses  
6 its sincere condolences and sadness to the family of the late  
7 Honorable Hilary Tacheliol, at his passing on September 5, 2020,  
8 at the age of 80 years old; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
10 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States  
11 of Micronesia, the Chairman of the Council of Pilung, the Chairman  
12 of the Council of Tamol, the Governor of the state of Yap, the  
13 Speaker of the 10<sup>th</sup> Yap State Legislature and the family of the  
14 late Honorable Hilary Tacheliol.

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18 Date: 10/2/20

Introduced by: /s/ Isaac V. Figir  
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/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal  
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