

A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sincere condolences and sadness of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to the family of the late Honorable Alik L. Alik, at his passing on November 7, 2020, at the age of 67 years old.

1           WHEREAS, the late Honorable Alik L. Alik was born in Tafunsak  
2 in the state of Kosrae on January 26, 1953, and passed away on  
3 November 7, 2020; and

4           WHEREAS, the late Honorable Alik L. Alik attended elementary  
5 school and high school in the state of Kosrae, the United States  
6 International University in Hawaii from 1973 to 1976 and from 1976  
7 to 1979 Graceland College in Iowa where he was awarded an  
8 internship from the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands to work  
9 for the Department of Education; and

10          WHEREAS, after attending Graceland College the late Honorable  
11 Alik L. Alik worked as a student counselor at Kosrae State High  
12 School for two years before attending a paralegal program in 1982  
13 at the University of Hawaii Law School; and

14          WHEREAS, after returning to the Federated States of  
15 Micronesia the late Honorable Alik L. Alik was employed as a law  
16 clerk at the FSM Supreme Court; and

17          WHEREAS, the late Honorable Alik L. Alik was hired within a  
18 year by the Department of Foreign Affairs as a Foreign Service  
19 Officer thus beginning a diplomatic career of distinction; and

1           WHEREAS, the late Honorable Alik L. Alik served as the Deputy  
2 Chief for the Division of South Pacific Affairs; and

3           WHEREAS, the late Honorable Alik L. Alik was the 1<sup>st</sup> FSM  
4 Ambassador to Fiji (1989 to 1998), during this period he was also  
5 honored with being the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Fiji from  
6 1992 to 1998; and

7           WHEREAS, following his tenure in Fiji the late Honorable Alik  
8 L. Alik served as the Ambassador to Japan from 1998 to 2003; and

9           WHEREAS, the late Honorable Alik L. Alik was known by his  
10 colleagues in the Department of Foreign Affairs, as well as in the  
11 National Government as a whole, for his competence diligence and  
12 professionalism [~~regarding all issues assigned to him and his hard~~  
13 ~~work, but he was also known for his generosity and diplomatic~~  
14 ~~manner at all times; and~~]

15           WHEREAS, the late Honorable Alik L. Alik is further  
16 distinguished by having a second career in government service  
17 beginning in 2003 when he won the Kosrae State at-large four year  
18 seat to represent that state as a senator in the Thirteenth  
19 [~~Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia~~], serving as  
20 chairman of the Committee on Resources and Development, during the  
21 Fourteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia he  
22 assumed the chairmanship of the Committee on External Affairs,  
23 providing strong leadership and showing initiative in all the  
24 committee endeavors; and

1           WHEREAS, the late Honorable Alik L. Alik was re-elected as  
2 Kosrae State's at-large four year senator in 2007, and in the May  
3 2007 reorganization of Congress that he was selected as the Vice-  
4 President of the Federated States of Micronesia serving from May  
5 11,2007 to May 11, 2015; and

6           WHEREAS, as the Seventh Vice President of the Federated  
7 States of Micronesia he was the embodiment of the diplomat, able  
8 to represent the Nation on the international stage, he engaged  
9 with leaders at the highest level without ever losing sight of  
10 interests of the people of our [~~small island~~] nation, [~~he worked~~]  
11 [~~tirelessly, never ceasing to maintain his diplomatic manner~~]; and

12           WHEREAS, the late Honorable Alik L. Alik returned to the  
13 Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia in July 2015 and  
14 served in both the 19th and 20th Congress as Vice Chairman of the  
15 Committees on Health and Social Affairs, and Transportation and  
16 Communication; and

17           WHEREAS, the late Honorable Alik L. Alik served at the  
18 highest levels of government in the Federated States of Micronesia  
19 for most of the first forty years of this Nation's existence,  
20 participating in the decisions and shaping the direction of this  
21 young Nation, through his dedication and personal integrity he  
22 assisted in the forging of a strong foundation for our future  
23 generations; and

24           WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of  
25 Micronesia strongly believes our Nation has benefited greatly

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1 from the late Honorable Alik L. Alik through his leadership,  
2 dedication and wisdom as he applied it to his many important  
3 government positions spanning over forty years; [~~now,~~  
4 ~~therefore~~] and,

5 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Alik L. Alik was survived by  
6 his wife Mrs. Shra Alik, his two children Greg and Uruslla and  
7 four grandchildren; now, therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED, by the Twenty-First Congress of the  
9 Federated States of Micronesia, Ninth Special Session, 2020,  
10 that Congress wishes to express its sincere condolences and  
11 sadness to the family of the late Honorable Alik L. Alik, at  
12 his passing on November 7, 2020, at the age of 67 years old;  
13 and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
15 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated  
16 States of Micronesia and the family of the late Honorable Alik  
17 L. Alik

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19 Date: 11/24/20

Introduced by: /s/ Paliknoa K. Welly  
Paliknoa K. Welly

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/s/ Aren B. Palik  
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