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Relative to expressing the condolence of the people of Guam to the Family of the late Honorable Resio S. Moses, Vice Speaker of the Fifteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia and political visionary of Micronesia on his untimely passing.

1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN:**

2 **WHEREAS**, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia through a
3 Presidential Proclamation informed the people of Guam of the passing of the late
4 Honorable Resio S. Moses, Vice Speaker and *Dauk* of U of Pohnpei State on Monday,
5 June 22, 2009; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Resio S. Moses is survived by his wife the
7 former Susan Rice of Illinois and their four children, Esmond, Tanya, Resio "Sammy"
8 Moses, Jr. and Rachel; and

9 **WHEREAS**, Resio S. Moses is a name in Micronesia that has become
10 synonymous with words such as independence, statehood and leadership, but the
11 name is most especially revered as that of a man of strong and unwavering principles;
12 and

13 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Resio S. Moses rich background spans two
14 major era in Micronesian history, the era during which the island nations in the
15 Micronesian archipelago was a Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands under the United

1 States' administration as well as the current Micronesian era, where each Micronesian
2 island nation chose its own destiny to either remain with the United States or became
3 a sovereign, self governing nation. The late Honorable Resio S. Moses played a major
4 role in both; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Resio S. Moses rich background is rivaled
6 only by his varied experience which encompasses a range of fields that include being
7 student service coordinator to an educator to a College President; an administrator of
8 community services to District Administrator of Pohnpei District to Governor of the
9 State of Pohnpei; a member of the Micronesian Commission on the Future Political
10 Status of Micronesia to top diplomat of the FSM as a sovereign nation to being the
11 Federated States of Micronesia's Ambassador to the United Nations; representing
12 Pohnpei as a District in the Congress of Micronesia to representing the entire State of
13 Pohnpei in the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

14 **WHEREAS**, while the late Honorable Resio S. Moses' background and
15 experiences are extraordinary for one individual, his main legacy may well be the
16 pivotal role he played in the foundation of the Federated States of Micronesia as a
17 nation. During the United States government's Administration of the Trust Territory of
18 the Pacific Islands, Resio Moses served as a District Administrator for the Pohnpei
19 District and eventually as one of Pohnpei District's representative to the Congress of
20 Micronesia - the leaders who envisioned independence and sovereignty for the
21 Micronesian islands. They laid the foundation for the inception and eventual
22 realization of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

23 **WHEREAS**, when the Federated States of Micronesia became a self governing
24 nation, the late Honorable Resio Moses was again at the frontline of nation building,
25 first by being a Governor of the new State of Pohnpei and serving his duty in two
26 consecutive terms. Completing his gubernatorial tenure, Resio Moses moved to the
27 National Government where he took on the position of Secretary for the Department

1 of External Affairs. He went on from Secretary of External Affairs to become the
2 Federated States of Micronesia's Ambassador to the United Nations where he was
3 instrumental in the establishment of diplomatic and bilateral relations with numerous
4 countries and world organizations; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Resio S. Moses moved from the Executive
6 Branch and became a member of the 10th Federated States of Micronesia Congress in
7 1997 and has since then been a member until his passing on Monday, June 22, 2009.
8 Throughout his parliamentarian years, he has been a Chairman, Vice Chairman and a
9 member of the various Congressional Committees at one time or another. During the
10 15th FSM Congress he was seated as its Vice Speaker and was recently reelected to
11 the same role during the re-organization of the new 16th FSM Congress on May 11,
12 2009; and

13 **WHEREAS**, a month after the re-organization, Vice Speaker Resio S. Moses
14 was called to his eternal rest; now, therefore, be it

15 **RESOLVED**, that *I Mina Trenta na Liheslaturan Guåhan*, on behalf of the
16 people of Guam, does hereby express its sincere condolence to the people of the State
17 of Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia and more importantly to his wife Susan
18 and their four children Esmond, Tanya, Resio Moses Jr. 'Sammy' and Rachel and of
19 course the many lovely grandchildren; and be it further

20 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker certify to and the Secretary of the Legislature
21 attest to, the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be thereafter transmitted to
22 the Family of the late Honorable Resio Moses; to the Honorable Emanuel 'Manny'
23 Mori, President of the Federated States of Micronesia; to the Honorable John Ehsa,
24 Governor, State of Pohnpei; to the Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo, Guam's
25 Delegate to the United States Congress and to the Honorable Felix P. Camacho, *I*
26 *Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.