A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sadness and condolences of the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia at the passing of Bernard Thoulag, Executive Director of the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA).

WHEREAS, the late Bernard Thoulag passed away on July 7, 2010, at the age of 59; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his passing Bernard Thoulag was in Papau New Guinea to attend the Sixth Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Committee Ministerial Meeting, in his capacity as Executive Director of the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA); and

WHEREAS, Bernard Thoulag was a native of Mogmog in Ulithi Atoll, an outer island of Yap State; and

WHEREAS, Bernard Thoulag spent a lifetime in public service to the people of the Federated States of Micronesia, notably as Deputy Director of National Oceanic Resource Management from 1989, and as its Executive Director from 1993 until his untimely passing; and

WHEREAS, Bernard Thoulag developed a number of important regional fisheries initiatives over the years affecting the Exclusive Economic Zone, and earning the respect of his colleagues as a leader, mentor and friend; and

WHEREAS, Bernard Thoulag also made valuable contributions to the education of our Nation, as a teacher and later as the first Micronesian Principal at the Outer Islands High School, and as a
founder with other Xavier High School alumni of the Xavier Yap Outer Island Scholarship Fund in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Bernard Thoulag is survived by his wife Jean and their six children: Shaun Suliol, Russell Marechmai, Walter Marpa, Walterene Hathiya-Weilbacher, Megan Tagalaiol and Keyna Tamelyor; and

WHEREAS, the Members of the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia join the family, friends and colleagues of Bernard Thoulag in mourning his passing; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fifth Regular Session, 2010, wishes to express to the family, friends and colleagues of the late Bernard Thoulag its sadness and condolences at his passing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of the resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Governor of the State of Yap, and Bernard Thoulag’s wife Jean Thoulag and their children.

Date: 9/20/10

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