EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

THIRD SPECIAL SESSION, 2014

C.R. NO. 18-143

A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Honorable Dennis Yamase for his many years of service to the Federated States of Micronesia.

WHEREAS, the Honorable Dennis Yamase is an attorney from the 1 2 State of Hawaii in the United States of America, who has served in the State and National Government of the Federated States of 3 Micronesia for over 30 years; and 4 WHEREAS, the Honorable Dennis Yamase provided expert legal 5 opinions and advise as head of the Office of Legislative Counsel 6 7 for the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia from 1987-1993; and 8 9 WHEREAS, the Honorable Dennis Yamase has also provided expert 10 legal assistance to the States, specifically as the interim legislative counsel for the Kosrae State Legislature (1990), and 11 in compiling and codifying the initial 1987 edition of the Yap 12 State Code and the subsequent first and third supplements to that 13 14 Code; and 15

15 WHEREAS, the Honorable Dennis Yamase has been an Associate 16 Justice for the Supreme Court of the Federated States of 17 Micronesia since October 2002, and has been the senior Associate 18 Justice on the highest appellate FSM national court (trial and 19 appellate divisions) where he has presided over complex, landmark 20 cases that helped strengthen our Nation, and assisted in the 1 development of the rule of law and protection of our people's
2 rights;

3 WHEREAS, the Honorable Dennis Yamase has been a significant leader in the regional legal community as he has acted as the 4 Executive Director of the Law Revision Commission in the CNMI 5 (1996-2001), Special Legal Counsel to the Vice President of 6 7 Administration in the Republic of Palau (1993-1996), Special Assistant to Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Republic of 8 9 Palau (1986) and Senior Senate Legislative Counsel the Republic of Palau (1982-1984), which are only some of his many outstanding 10 11 accomplishments; and

12 WHEREAS, the Honorable Dennis Yamase has contributed enormously to legal education and research in the Federated States 13 14 of Micronesia and the region by teaching trial counselor courses at the College of Micronesia-FSM, by conducting judicial training 15 for state, municipal and land court judges, as well as, by 16 publishing more than ten legal articles during his career; and 17 WHEREAS, the Honorable Dennis Yamase has played a valuable 18 19 and important role in the development of the Nation's judicial 20 system; and

21 WHEREAS, the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of 22 Micronesia recognizes the extent to which the Nation has benefited 23 from the Honorable Dennis Yamase's extraordinary dedication, 24 loyalty, and hard work; now, therefore,

1	BE IT RESOLVED by the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated
2	States of Micronesia, Third Special Session, 2014, that the
3	Congress hereby expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation
4	to the Honorable Dennis Yamase for his faithful service and
5	numerous contributions as a judge and an attorney of the Federated
6	States of Micronesia; and
7	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copies of this
8	resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Dennis Yamase.
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10	Date: <u>3/29/14</u> Introduced by: <u>/s/ Isaac V. Figir</u>
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