## TWENTY-FIRST CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

TENTH SPECIAL SESSION, 2021

C.R. NO. 21-270

## A RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND SINCERE CONDOLENCES OF THE TWENTY-FIRST CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA TO THE FAMILY, RELATIVES, FRIENDS, AND THE ENTIRE MORTLOCKS REGION FOR THE UNTIMELY PASSING OF THE LATE HONORABLE ISIRO CHORAM.

1 WHEREAS, it is with sadness that the Twenty-First Congress 2 of the Federated States of Micronesia has learned of the 3 untimely passing of the Honorable Isiro Choram, a well-4 respected State Senator, a beloved husband, a devoted father 5 of four children: Iokada Choram, Mercy Choram, Joewan Choram, 6 and Neinaleen Choram and a very proud grandfather of eleven 7 grandchildren; and

8 WHEREAS, on February 1, 2021 the Honorable Isiro Choram, 9 President of the Senate, Fifteen Chuuk State Legislature, was 10 laid to rest at Guam Memorial Hospital at approximately 8:40 11 P.M.; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Isiro Choram was born on Ettal island, Chuuk State. He grew up on Ettal Island and moved to Pohnpei State where he attended the Palikir Elementary School in 1950 to 1955, and in the same year of 1955, he transferred and attended the Ettal Elementary School and graduated with a certificate of completion; and

18 WHEREAS, the Honorable Isiro Choram continued his19 education at the Truk Intermediate School and graduated with a

diploma. He continued his education at the Truk High School in 1962, and graduated in 1965. After graduating from high school, he continued his education at the College of Micronesia where he earned an Associate of Science Degree. The Honorable Isiro Choram continued his education at the Eastern Oregon State College of Education and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1984; and

8 WHEREAS, always proud of his Ettal tradition, the 9 Honorable Isiro Choram was the President of the Mid-Mortlocks 10 Youth Association, and was also the Vice President of the Mid 11 and Lower Mortlocks youth association. He was a very active 12 member in his Ettal Island Protestant Church congregation 13 where he ordained as deacon, and in the later years, he was 14 ordained as a Pastor; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Isiro Choram began what would become a life-long devotion to public service. From 1965 to 17 1986, he was a classroom teacher at the Ettal Elementary 18 School. He was well-respected by his fellow teachers and the 19 Department of Education and he was unanimously appointed to 20 serve as the school principal and served in the capacity for 21 years; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his tenure as the Principal of Ettal Elementary School, the Honorable Isiro Choram was elected to the municipal Council and was selected as the Chairman and Chief Magistrate; and

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1 WHEREAS, from 1986 to 1990, the Honorable Isiro Choram was 2 elected to the House of Representatives, Third Chuuk State 3 Legislature representing representative district 9; consisting of Namoluk, Ettal, Moch and Kuttu Municipalities and in 1990 4 he was elected to the Senate and he served as the Chairman of 5 6 the Senator Standing Committee on Health, Education & Welfare 7 (HEW). In 1990, he served as the Senate Floor Leader, and the served in the capacity in 7 years; and 8

9 WHEREAS, in 1997 the Honorable Isiro Choram began to 10 served as the Senate Vice President. After Senate President 11 Mark Mailo's succession to the official capacity of Lieutenant 12 Governor of Chuuk State, the Honorable Isiro Choram was 13 unanimously appointed and selected as the Senate President of 14 the Fifteenth Chuuk State Legislature in 2019 until his 15 untimely passing; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Isiro Choram was peacefully called to his eternal rest on February 1, 2021, at the Guam Memorial Hospital approximately 8:40 p.m. and leaving behind his family, to wit his present wife Jestina Mathew Choram, four children, and eleven grandchildren by his late wife; and

21 WHEREAS, the Honorable Isiro Choram consistently 22 demonstrated his ability in serving the best interest of his 23 community and his dedication to the State throughout his life 24 time. He will be dearly missed by all who had experienced his 25 extraordinary life; and

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1	WHEREAS, the late Honorable Isiro Choram, President of the
2	Senate, Fifteenth Chuuk State Legislature as one of the great
3	pillars in public service for his people in Chuuk who gave his
4	time and effort freely to help make and shape the lives of his
5	fellow citizens better, thus providing a living example of how
6	a public servant should be; now, therefore,
7	BE IT RESOLVED, by the Twenty-First Congress of the
8	Federated States of Micronesia, Tenth Special Session, 2021,
9	that Congress hereby expresses its deepest sympathy and
10	sincere condolences to the family, friends, and the entire
11	Mortlocks Region for the untimely passing of the late
12	Honorable Isiro Choram; and
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1	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2	resolution be sent to the President of the Federated States of
3	Micronesia, the Governor of Chuuk State and the family of the
4	late Honorable Isiro Choram.
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6	Date: <u>4/2/21</u> Introduced by: <u>/s/ Wesley W. Simina</u>
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