A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sincere condolences and sadness of the Twenty-Second Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, to the family of the late President Jacob Nena, at his passing on July 6, 2022 at the age of 80.

WHEREAS, the late President Jacob Nena served our Nation for over 40 years in a long and illustrious government service career; and

WHEREAS, the late President Jacob Nena was a native of the State of Kosrae born on October 10, 1941 in Lelu, Kosrae, and early in his life he was recognized as a gifted and diligent scholar; and

WHEREAS the late President Jacob Nena graduated from the University of Guam with a Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science in 1971, he went on to earn a Master’s Degree in Public Administration and Business Management from the University of Hawaii (Manoa) in 1972; and,

WHEREAS, the late President Jacob Nena began his career as the Political Affairs Officer for Ponape District from July 1969 to December 1969, then in 1970 he became the Deputy District Representative for Kosrae and served in that capacity until 1977; and

WHEREAS, during his many years of service on behalf of the people of Kosrae the late President Jacob Nena was very well...
respected by his colleagues and citizens, and was elected as the first Governor for the State of Kosrae (1979-1983);

WHEREAS, as Governor he devoted himself to building and defining the new state executive branch, ensuring each department and agency was properly established and working, the late President Jacob Nena also served as a member of the Micronesian Political Status and Transition Commission from 1979 to 1981, and took part in many of the instrumental decisions affecting the transformation to a sovereign nation; and

WHEREAS, the late President Jacob Nena was elected to the Fifth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia where he served with distinction on the Committees for Health, Education and Social Affairs, Judicial and Governmental Operations, and External Affairs; and

WHEREAS, following his reelection to the Sixth Congress he served as chairman of the Health, Education and Social Affairs Committee, and it is through his leadership and hard work our Nation continued to develop and mature; and

WHEREAS, recognized for his diverse skills, expertise and knowledge in governance the late President Jacob Nena was again elected to serve in the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, and was then selected to be the Vice President of the Federated States of Micronesia under President Bailey Olter in 1991; and

WHEREAS, the late President Jacob Nena served as a strong
leader in this role until 1996 when President Olter became incapacitated, shortly serving as an Acting President the late President was then sworn in and served as our Nation’s fourth president from May 8, 1997 to May 11, 1999; and

WHEREAS, with his extensive experience the late President Jacob Nena seamlessly continued to guide our Nation forward contributing not only to our development but to the growth and well-being of the whole Pacific region; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Second Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fifth Special Session, 2022, that the Congress hereby expresses its sincere condolences and sadness to the family of the late President Jacob Nena at his passing on July 6, 2022 at the age of 80; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia and the family of the late President Jacob Nena.

Date: 7/21/22

Introduced by: /s/ Paliknoa K. Welly

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