

A RESOLUTION

Expressing the deepest appreciation and gratitude of the Congress and people of the Federated States of Micronesia to the beloved Reverend Hugh F. Costigan, S.J., by conferring upon him the title of "Honorary Citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia," in recognition of his many contributions and accomplishments, and his love, dedication and service in promoting the social, educational, economic and spiritual development of the Nation.

1 WHEREAS, in 1947, the Reverend Hugh F. Costigan, S.J., after his
2 ordination in the Phillipines, arrived in Tamwaroi, Madolenihmw,
3 Pohnpei, to begin his parish work at a small wooden church, with a
4 simple shack for a residence; and

5 WHEREAS, after his arrival he developed the area, and built roads
6 and facilities, molding Tamwaroi into one of the most successful
7 agricultural and educational centers in the Micronesian region; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1958, he formed the Madolenihmw Housing Cooperative,
9 which provided concrete block homes to hundreds of Pohnpeians,
10 Pingelapese and Kosraeans, and built 90 percent of all government
11 schools and teacher homes, in the process training a generation of
12 tradesman in Pohnpei; and

13 WHEREAS, to help foster economic development, he formed the
14 Madolenihmw Copra Cooperative Association in 1960, an organization to
15 help the people of Pohnpei store and sell their copra; and

16 WHEREAS, he established the Community Leadership Training
17 Program in 1968, which provided countless elder Pohnpeians with the
18 management expertise, mechanical knowledge and scientific
19 agricultural skills required to operate cooperatives and
20 associations; and

21 WHEREAS, through his efforts the Ponape Agriculture Trade School
22 (PATS) was opened in 1965, a vocational high school where the raw and
23 God-given talents of youngsters from across Micronesia were developed
24 and refined; and

25 WHEREAS, the graduates of PATS are successful,

1 self-sustaining citizens throughout the region, contributing greatly
2 to their people and their new nations; and

3 WHEREAS, in order to make PATS financially secure, he
4 established the Foundation for Promotion of Economic, Agricultural
5 and Community Endeavors (PEACE), an organization in the United States
6 specifically dedicated to sustaining the work of PATS; and

7 WHEREAS, of all the non-citizens who have made important
8 contributions to the Federated States of Micronesia, the Reverend
9 Hugh F. Costigan, S.J., has few peers, and his accomplishments and
10 contributions will always be cherished and remembered; and

11 WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Members, in Congress assembled,
12 that due recognition, gratitude and appreciation must be given to the
13 tireless, unselfish efforts of the beloved Reverend Hugh F. Costigan,
14 S.J., for his 40 years of loving and devoted service to the people of
15 the Federated States of Micronesia; now, therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Fifth Congress of the Federated States of
17 Micronesia, First Regular Session, 1987, that the Congress, on behalf
18 of the people of the Federated States of Micronesia, hereby expresses
19 its deepest appreciation and gratitude to the beloved Reverend Hugh
20 F. Costigan, S.J., and confers upon him the title of "Honorary
21 Citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia," in recognition of his
22 many contributions and accomplishments, and his love, dedication and
23 service in promoting the social, educational, economic and spiritual
24 development of the Nation; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution

1 be transmitted to the Reverend Hugh F. Costigan, S.J.; the President
2 of the Federated States of Micronesia; the Governor of each State of
3 the Federated States of Micronesia; and Bishop Martin Neylon, S.J.,
4 Diocese of the Caroline and Marshall Islands.

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