

A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sincere condolences and sadness of the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to the family of the late John D. Sohl, at his passing on December 26, 2020.

1 WHEREAS, the late John D. Sohl, age 70, was born on June 11,
2 1950, and passed away on December 26, 2020; and

3 WHEREAS, the late John D. Sohl attended Xavier High School in
4 Weno, Chuuk; and

5 WHEREAS, the late John D. Sohl attended the University of
6 Guam from 1969-1973 and received his Bachelor's degree in Business
7 Administration; and

8 WHEREAS, from 1973-1980 the late John D. Sohl worked as the
9 Assistant Director of Finance and the Treasurer at Ponape
10 Agriculture and Trade School (PATS); and

11 WHEREAS, the late John D. Sohl worked for the Office of
12 Planning and Statistics for the Federated States of Micronesia
13 from 1980-1988 as the Transition Advisor to the President, the
14 National Planner, the Acting National Planner/Administrator and
15 the Chief, Division of Federal Programs; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1988 the late John D. Sohl was the Chairman of
17 the Board of Directors for the FSM Telecommunications Corporation,
18 he became the Chief Operating Officer in 1988 and then the Chief
19 Executive Officer in 2010, retiring in 2017 after 29 years of
20 service; and

21 WHEREAS, the late John D. Sohl served as a member of the

1 Board of Developers for the Pohnpei Economic Development Authority
2 beginning in 1983; and

3 WHEREAS, beginning in 1984, the late John D. Sohl
4 served as a member of the Board of Directors for the
5 Pohnpei Community Action Agency; and

6 WHEREAS, the late John D. Sohl became a member of the
7 Board of Trustees for the PATS Educational Foundation in
8 1980; and

9 WHEREAS, beginning in 1982, the late John D. Sohl
10 served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Aramas
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12 WHEREAS, from 1985-1987, the late John D. Sohl was a
13 member of the Pohnpei State Private Industry Council to the
14 Job Training Partnership Act; and

15 WHEREAS, the late John D. Sohl was a member of the
16 Pohnpei State Environment Protection Board from 1984-1985;
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18 WHEREAS, from 1983 to 1985, the late John D. Sohl was
19 a member of the Credit Committee for the FSM Development
20 Bank; and

21 WHEREAS, the late John D. Sohl chaired the FSM Task
22 Force on the Investment Development Fund; served on the
23 National Plan Task Force; served as the Chief Negotiator for
24 the transfer of the administration of capital improvement
25 projects from TT Headquarters to the FSM; negotiated with

1 former Vice-President Bailey Olter the transfer of 138 acres
2 of land to the National Government of the Federated States
3 of Micronesia; served as the Community Services Block Grant
4 Coordinator for the National Government; and was the
5 Executive Director of the first Pohnpei State Constitutional
6 Convention; and

7 WHEREAS, the late John D. Sohl is survived by his wife,
8 Merlinda Sohl, his children, Judy and Jay, and his
9 grandchildren, Jasmine, Jaslynn, Angelica, Jomardan, Jayvin
10 and Shawnita, the late John D. Sohl was preceded in passing
11 by his son Arvin; now, therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-First Congress of the
13 Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2021,
14 that the Congress hereby expresses its sincere condolences
15 and sadness to the family of the late John D. Sohl at his
16 passing on December 26, 2020; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated
3 States of Micronesia and Merlinda Sohl.

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5 Date: 1/13/21

Introduced by: /s/ Ferny S. Perman

Ferny S. Perman

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/s/ Esmond B. Moses

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/s/ Dion G. Neth

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/s/ Peter M. Christian

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