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A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sincere condolences of the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to the family Bethwel Henry, at his passing on December 16, 2020, the last Founding Father of the Nation and the first Speaker of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia.

1           WHEREAS, the late Honorable Bethwel Henry was one of the  
2 pioneering giants who charted and navigated the course of  
3 independence and nation building in Micronesia, and was one of the  
4 Founding Fathers of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

5           WHEREAS, the late Honorable Bethwel Henry began his political  
6 career for the people of the Micronesian region in 1966 as the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
7 and last Speaker of the Congress of Micronesia through the breakup  
8 of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands in 1978 and was  
9 elected to hold the same role in the newly formed constitutional  
10 government of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

11           WHEREAS, the late Honorable Bethwel Henry was elected to  
12 serve as the first Speaker of the Congress of Federated States of  
13 Micronesia, was seated on May 10, 1979, and for the next eight  
14 years(1979 -1987), maintained the Speakership role during the  
15 formative stages of the national government of the newly emerged  
16 Nation; and

17           WHEREAS, the late Bethwel Henry's visions helped established  
18 the legislations that created the national government, established  
19 the Congress administration, and management of the institution;

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2 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Bethwel Henry, served his next  
3 twenty years (1988 -2007) as the Nation's Postmaster General  
4 during which time he helped secure the continuity in the  
5 relationship with the United States Postal Service whereby our  
6 Nation would remain closely aligned with the U.S. Postal system;

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8 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Bethwel spent over four decades  
9 in public service to the Nation; and

10 WHEREAS, after his retirement from public service, the late  
11 Honorable Bethwel Henry maintained his various civic roles in the  
12 national, state, municipal and local communities and most recently  
13 as a member of the Joint Committee on Compact Review and Planning  
14 (JCRP); and

15 WHEREAS, throughout his lifetime, the late Bethwel Henry  
16 remained an active leader and member of the United Church of  
17 Christ in Pohnpei (UCCP), serving as the President of the Pohnpei  
18 State Christian Endeavor Society and held the respected title of  
19 Senior Pastor of Kepinle Church; and

20 WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of  
21 Micronesia greatly appreciates the hard work of the late  
22 Honorable Bethwel Henry and his many contributions to this  
23 Nation, and it would like to extend its sincere condolences to  
24 his family; now, therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED, by the Twenty-First Congress of the

1 Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2021,  
2 that Congress hereby expresses its sincere condolences and  
3 sadness to the family of the late Honorable Bethwel Henry, at  
4 his passing on December 16, 2020, and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
6 resolution be sent to the President of the Federated States of  
7 Micronesia, the Governor of Pohnpei State and the family of the  
8 late Honorable Bethwel Henry

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10 Date: 2/1/21

Introduced by: /s/ Peter M. Christian  
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/s/ Ferny S. Perman  
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