

A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sincere condolences and sadness of the Twenty-Second Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to the family of Dr. Rufino Mauricio at his passing on June 26, 2022.

1           WHEREAS, the late Dr. Rufino Mauricio was born in Pohnpei on  
2 August 12, 1949, he was a gifted scholar from an early age, after  
3 receiving his Bachelor's and Master's degrees at the University of  
4 Oregon he obtained his doctorate in Anthropology also from the  
5 University of Oregon in 1982; and

6           WHEREAS, the late Dr. Mauricio spent an extensive career in  
7 government service spanning 40 years, and became a leading  
8 authority in historical and cultural matters in the Pacific; and

9           WHEREAS, the late Dr. Mauricio conducted extensive field  
10 research and preservation activities throughout our Nation, his  
11 diligent cataloguing and organization forms a core part of our  
12 cultural historical records; and

13           WHEREAS, his extensive career also includes original survey,  
14 excavation and laboratory work, over his long career he published  
15 over a dozen articles and reports which made him a respected  
16 regional expert in Pacific prehistory, ethno-archaeology and  
17 Micronesian myth and folklore; and

18           WHEREAS, the late Dr. Mauricio spent several years as a  
19 graduate fellow teaching and being responsible for course work  
20 development at the University of Oregon, and as an anthropology

---

1 field work technician (1983-1989); and

2 WHEREAS, between 1987 and 1993 he taught courses in Pacific  
3 Island Studies and Pacific Anthropology, in 1993 he became a staff  
4 archaeologist for the Office of National Archives, Culture &  
5 Historic Preservation and in 1995 he became a National Historic  
6 Preservation Officer for that Office; and

7 WHEREAS, the late Dr. Mauricio served as Assistant Secretary  
8 for the Division of Social Affairs at the National Department of  
9 Health & Social Affairs where he remained until he was confirmed  
10 as the Director of the Office of National Archives, Culture &  
11 Historic Preservation in 2008 at which time he also served as  
12 Secretary-General for the FSM National Commission for the United  
13 Nations Education, Science and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)  
14 where his work resulted in the naming of Nan Madol as a UNESCO  
15 recognized historical site; and

16 WHEREAS, the late Dr. Mauricio next served as National  
17 Secretary of Education from 2011 to 2015 after which he returned  
18 as the Director of the Office of the National Archives, Culture &  
19 Historic Preservation where he remained until his passing; and

20 WHEREAS, the late Dr. Mauricio was an extraordinary  
21 representative to the rest of the world regarding the history  
22 and culture of our Nation, he shared his knowledge generously,  
23 worked with the younger generations mentoring and educating  
24 students, he was as kind as he was dedicated to his work and  
25 will be much missed; and

1    WHEREAS, the people of the Federated States of Micronesia have  
2    benefited from the late Dr. Mauricio's strong leadership in  
3    education, anthropology, and historical preservation and his  
4    commitment to protecting and promoting the culture and  
5    historical records of our Nation; now, therefore

6           BE IT RESOLVED by the Twentieth-Second Congress of the  
7    Federated States of Micronesia, Fifth Special Session, 2022, that  
8    the Congress hereby expresses its sincere condolences and sadness  
9    to the family of the late Dr. Rufino Mauricio at his passing on  
10   June 26, 2022; and

11           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
12   resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States  
13   of Micronesia and the family of the late Dr. Rufino Mauricio.

14

15   Date: 7/19/22

Introduced by: /s/ Peter M. Christian  
Peter M. Christian

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25