

A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sorrow and sincere condolences of the Twenty-Second Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to the family of the late Honorable Derensio S. Konman who passed away on September 15, 2021.

1 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Derensio S. Konman dedicated his
2 life to the service of the citizens of Chuuk and this Nation as a
3 member of the legal community and as an elected official; and

4 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Derensio S. Konman was determined
5 early in life to make his contribution to this Nation and have as
6 much an impact as possible, and in order to do this he excelled in
7 higher education, he had the distinction of holding several
8 advanced degrees: Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
9 Administration from Missouri Southern State University (1997), an
10 LLB from Vanuatu Emalus School of Law (2005) and he was a Graduate
11 Fellow of the Asia-Pacific Professional Program at the Hawaii
12 East-West Center in 2015; and

13 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Derensio S. Konman joined as a
14 staff attorney in 2006 the Micronesian Legal Services Corporation
15 (MLSC) at its Chuuk branch where he was known for his commitment
16 to provide legal assistance to all citizens no matter their income
17 or situation and as a warm and generous man; and

18 WHEREAS, he was promoted in 2009 to Directing Attorney of
19 MLSC where he remained until 2015; and

1 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Derensio S Konman served as an
2 attorney in the Federated States of Micronesia Public Defender's
3 Office in Chuuk from 2015 to 2017 ensuring that citizens in
4 criminal matters received proper representation; and

5 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Derensio S. Konman began his
6 political career when he was elected as the two-year senator from
7 Chuuk State Election District 3 in May 2017 and entered the 20th
8 Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, where he was
9 elected twice more and served with distinction in the 21st FSM
10 Congress and the 22nd FSM Congress until his passing; and

11 WHEREAS, as a member of the Congress of the Federated States
12 of Micronesia the late Honorable Derensio S. Konman was known for
13 his dedication and work ethic, particularly in committee hearings
14 and investigation, and addressing challenges regarding the
15 environment and preservation of our precious resources as he was
16 the chairman of the Special Committee on Climate Change and
17 Environmental Issues, and also served as a valued member of the
18 Committees of Education, Health and Social Affairs, and Resources
19 and Development; and

20 WHEREAS, he will be much missed by the members of Congress
21 and staff but will remain in memory with us as a compass and guide
22 for public service, generosity and compassion; and

23 WHEREAS, the Twenty-Second Congress of the Federated States
24 of Micronesia joins the leadership and citizens of our Nation in
25 mourning the passing of the late Honorable Derensio S. Konman, and

1 convey our most sincere condolences to his wife, Dr. Beth Sappa
2 and their six children, now, therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Second Congress of the Federated
4 States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2021, that Congress
5 hereby expresses its sincere condolences and deep sympathy to the
6 family of the late Honorable Derensio S. Konman who passed away on
7 September 15, 2021; 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 States
3 of Micronesia, the Governor of Chuuk State, and the wife of the
4 late Honorable Derensio S. Konman, Dr. Beth Sappa.

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6 Date: 9/21/21 Introduced by: /s/ Wesley W. Simina
Wesley W. Simina

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9 /s/ Florencio S. Harper
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12 /s/ Tiwiter Aritos
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15 /s/ Victor V. Gouland
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18 /s/ Robson U. Romolow
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