
A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sincere condolences and sadness of the Twenty-Fourth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to the family of the late Honorable Berney Martin, former Vice Speaker of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, at his passing on September 1, 2025.

1 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Vice Speaker Martin was born on
2 May 20, 1952, and served our Nation and the State of Pohnpei for
3 over thirty years as a government servant and official,
4 throughout his life he was devoted to the rule of law and
5 promotion of good government in both the judiciary and
6 legislative branches; and

7 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Vice Speaker Martin received a
8 degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Eastern Arizona
9 College in 1982, and was uniquely placed to assist the newly
10 formed Federated States of Micronesia as a young professional;
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12 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Vice Speaker Martin returned to
13 the Federated States of Micronesia to serve our citizens after
14 he finished his education, initially he worked for Pohnpei State
15 Department of Public Safety for two years, became a member of
16 the Pohnpei State bar association, and then moved to the
17 judicial branch where he served as the Court Administrative
18 Officer for the Pohnpei State Supreme Court for the next eight
19 years; and

1 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Vice Speaker was elected to
2 Pohnpei State Legislature in November 1995, where he served
3 with distinction until his election to the Congress of the
4 Federated States of Micronesia, while at the Pohnpei State
5 Legislature he held many leadership roles including holding
6 the position of Vice Speaker from 2004 until 2011, with his
7 keen understanding of judicial and legislative procedure he
8 was instrumental in moving the legislative branch forward and
9 his leadership has had long term benefits for the people of
10 the State of Pohnpei; and

11 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Vice Speaker Martin was elected
12 to serve in the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of
13 Micronesia in May 2011, he served in Congress from 2011 to 2017,
14 as a member he took an active role in committee work, especially
15 in the Committee for Health and Social Affairs, and championed
16 projects and programs to benefit the health and welfare of our
17 citizens, he was elected to Vice Speaker in both the Seventeenth
18 and the Nineteenth Congress where, his leadership and service
19 was greatly valued by his colleagues; and

20 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Vice Speaker Martin actively
21 promoted programs for the health and wellness for the citizens
22 of our Nation, he was at various times a member of the Kitti
23 Sports Council, a member of the Pohnpei State Sports Council and
24 later the President of the National Olympic Committee, and

25 WHEREAS, the Twenty-Fourth Congress of the Federated States

1 of Micronesia recognizes the extraordinary service and
2 dedication that the late Honorable Vice Speaker Martin during
3 his long career with the State of Pohnpei, and the Congress of
4 the Federated States of Micronesia, it wishes to express its
5 sincere condolences to his family, friends and former colleagues
6 at his passing; now, therefore,

7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Fourth Congress of the
8 Federated States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2025,
9 that the Congress hereby expresses its sincere condolences and
10 sadness to the family of the late Honorable Vice Speaker Martin
11 at his passing on September 1, 2025; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated
14 States of Micronesia and the family of the late Honorable Vice
15 Speaker Martin.

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21 Date: 9/15/25

Introduced by: /s/ Esmond B. Moses

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