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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 Robert A. Ruecho, the fourth Governor of the State of Yap, at his passing in August 2025, at the age of 79.

1       WHEREAS, the late Honorable Robert A. Ruecho was born on  
2       January 1, 1946; and

3       WHEREAS, the late Honorable Robert A. Ruecho completed his  
4       formal education at Tomilang School, Dalipebinaw Elementary  
5       School, Dalipebinaw Intermediate School, and Dinay High School;  
6       and

7       WHEREAS, the late Honorable Robert A. Ruecho began his  
8       career as a radio announcer trainee, before embarking on  
9       multiple education-related service engagements with the Head  
10      Start Program and the Yap State Department of Education,  
11      including in a position as a Classroom Teacher at Yap Junior  
12      High School from 1974 to 1979; and

13      WHEREAS, in 1979, the late Honorable Robert A. Ruecho was  
14      elected as a Senator of the First Yap State Legislature, where  
15      he was appointed as the Chairman of the Committee on Government,  
16      Health and Welfare; and

17      WHEREAS, following his initial term in office and through  
18      2003, the late Honorable Robert A. Ruecho was continuously  
19      reelected as a Senator of the Yap State Legislature, where he

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1 was noted to have served with great leadership and integrity,  
2 culminating in his selection as the Speaker of the Yap State  
3 Legislature from 1999 to 2003; and

4 WHEREAS, in January 2003, the late Honorable Robert A.  
5 Ruecho was sworn in as the fourth Governor of the State of Yap,  
6 where he served through January 2007, working tirelessly to  
7 advance the State's welfare and development goals, while  
8 preserving the State's culture, identity, and traditions; and

9 WHEREAS, following his tenure as the Governor of the State  
10 of Yap, the late Honorable Robert A. Ruecho continued his career  
11 in public service, accepting a position as a Staff Assistant to  
12 the Governor of Guam on Micronesian Affairs from 2008 to 2010  
13 and as the FSM Consul General in Guam from 2011 to 2018; and

14 WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, the late  
15 Honorable Robert A. Ruecho provided guidance and leadership to  
16 numerous boards, commissions, and organizations, including as  
17 the Chairman of the Yap State Code Commission (1982), as a  
18 delegate to the Yap State Constitutional Convention (1982), as  
19 the President/Chairman of the Micronesian Legal Services  
20 Corporation Board of Directors (1985-2023), as the Chairman of  
21 the Yap Delegation to the FSM Constitutional Convention (1990),  
22 as President of the Association of the Pacific Islands  
23 Legislatures (1991-1993), and as the Chairman of the Board of  
24 Governors of the Pacific Islands Development Bank (2005-2007);  
25 and

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1        WHEREAS, in August 2025, at the age of 79, the late  
2 Honorable Robert A. Ruecho passed away, leaving behind a legacy  
3 of dedicated and impactful public service which has greatly  
4 benefitted the people of the State of Yap and the Federated  
5 States of Micronesia; and

6        WHEREAS, the late Honorable Robert A. Ruecho is survived by  
7 two siblings, George P. Yugmang and Mona Lisa Mongon; he was  
8 also the beloved father of three children, Patricia S. Ruecho,  
9 Immaculata Madeline S. Ruecho, and Petra B. Ruecho, in addition  
10 to many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; now, therefore,

11        BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Fourth Congress of the  
12 Federated States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2025,  
13 that Congress hereby expresses its sincere condolences and  
14 sadness to the family of the late Honorable Robert A. Ruecho, at  
15 his passing in August 2025, at the age of 79; 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, the Governor of the State of Yap, the Yap  
4 State Legislature, the Council of Pilung, the Council of Tamol,  
5 and the family of the late Honorable Robert A. Ruecho.

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8    Date: 9/23/25

Introduced by: /s/ Esmond B. Moses  
Esmond B. Moses

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/s/ Andy P. Choor  
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