

A RESOLUTION

Expressing the heartfelt sadness and the condolences of the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia at the passing of the Honorable Andon Amaraich, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia.

1 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia mourns the loss of
2 its Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Honorable Andon
3 Amaraich of Chuuk State, who passed away at Straub Hospital in
4 Hawaii on January 26, 2010; and

5 WHEREAS, Chief Justice Andon Amaraich was one of the founding
6 fathers who fought fearlessly for the rights of the people of the
7 Federated States of Micronesia, and, along with his esteemed
8 peers, steered the nation towards independence; and

9 WHEREAS, the FSM celebrates Chief Justice Amaraich's past
10 achievements and contributions to the building of our nation which
11 spanned over forty years; and

12 WHEREAS, Chief Justice Amaraich began his professional career
13 in 1951 as a teacher, and moved on to become a court assistant,
14 the Chief Public Defender for Truk District, and later a District
15 Administrator for Public Affairs during the Trust Territory
16 Government; and

17 WHEREAS, Chief Justice Amaraich served as a member of both the
18 Council of Micronesia and later the Congress of Micronesia
19 representing Chuuk in 1965, and served in many capacities in that
20 forum for many years, including as Advisor to the U.S Delegation
21 to the Trusteeship Council, Chairman of the Commission on the

1 Future Political Status and Transition for Micronesia, Chief
2 Negotiator on the Compact of Free Association, special consultant
3 to the Micronesian Delegation to the United Nations' Law of the
4 Sea Conference, and a legal counsel to the Micronesian
5 Constitutional Convention; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1979 Chief Justice Amaraich was appointed as the
7 first secretary of the Department of External Affairs, a position
8 he held for many years, from where he propelled the FSM onto the
9 international stage as a sovereign nation in its own right; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1990 Chief Justice Andon Amaraich was appointed to
11 the position of Associate Justice of the FSM Supreme Court, and
12 appointed in 1994 to the position of Chief Justice of the Supreme
13 Court of the Federated States of Micronesia, a position he held
14 until he passed away on January 26, 2010; NOW THEREFORE

15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated
16 States of Micronesia, that the Congress, on behalf of the people
17 of the Federated States of Micronesia, wishes to express to the
18 family and friends of the Honorable Chief Justice Andon Amaraich
19 its sadness and condolences at his passing and gratitude for his
20 service to our country; 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 and to Pwerech Smail Amaraich, wife of Chief Justice
4 Andon Amaraich.

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6 Date: 02/04/10

Introduced by: /s/ Joe N. Suka

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