

A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sincere condolences and sadness of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to the family of the late President Leo A. Falcam, and to the Governments and citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia at his passing on February 12, 2018.

1 WHEREAS, Leo A. Falcam was a seasoned politician, often
2 referred to as the "trail blazing Veteran" for being the nation's
3 first in various political roles, which included: first
4 Micronesian acting High Commissioner; first native District
5 Administrator; first Governor of Pohnpei State; first Liaison
6 Officer for the Washington Office (now the FSM Embassy in
7 Washington, D.C.); and the first Postmaster General among many
8 other roles; and

9 WHEREAS, the late President Leo A. Falcam's educational
10 background is equally impressive for his time, as he was a grantee
11 from the East-West Center and graduated with a sociology degree
12 from the University of Hawaii and pursued his graduate studies at
13 the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at
14 Princeton University, New Jersey; and

15 WHEREAS, Leo A. Falcam was born on November 20, 1935, in
16 Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, and went on to have a
17 career in government service for over 40 years, becoming one of
18 the Federated States of Micronesia's most important leaders and

1 serving as a national senator, governor and both President and
2 Vice-President of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

3 WHEREAS, Leo A Falcam was appointed Assistant District
4 Administrator for Ponape District in 1964. The following year, he
5 left for Princeton University in New Jersey, where he completed
6 his graduate program at the Woodrow Wilson School in the field of
7 Public Administration and International Affairs; and

8 WHEREAS, Leo A. Falcam returned to the TTPI Administration as
9 an Executive Officer under the Office of the High Commissioner in
10 1966 and in his capacity as Executive Officer, Leo A. Falcam
11 became the first Micronesian to serve as acting High Commissioner
12 for the TTPI; and

13 WHEREAS, Leo A. Falcam became the first native District
14 Administrator for Ponape District in 1972 and served during the
15 Micronesian Island's transition from TTPI's Administration to
16 independence and self governance; and

17 WHEREAS, Leo A. Falcam chaired the Pohnpei Delegation to the
18 Micronesian Islands Constitutional Convention in 1975, which
19 identified the plurality of the Micronesian Islands as separate
20 nations and is among the framers of the navigational instrument of
21 the Nation's political course, the FSM Constitution; and

22 WHEREAS, after serving as District Administrator for Ponape,
23 Leo A. Falcam in 1976, was assigned to establish and head the
24 Micronesia/Washington Office in D.C.; and

25 WHEREAS, following the formation of the Federated States of

1 Micronesia, Leo A. Falcam returned to the newly established
2 Government and became on May 1979, the first elected Governor of
3 the new State of Pohnpei; and

4 WHEREAS, the newly established Pohnpei State held its
5 Constitutional Convention and elected Leo A. Falcam as Chairman of
6 the Convention in 1983; and

7 WHEREAS, Leo A. Falcam was appointed as the Nation's first
8 Postmaster General in 1984, a position he served until his
9 election to the Fifth FSM Congress in 1987, as Pohnpei States'
10 Senator at Large; and

11 WHEREAS, as a freshman in Congress, he had concurrent vice-
12 chairmanship of the Committees on Judiciary and Governmental
13 Operations, and Health, Education and Social Affairs and as a
14 member of the External Affairs Committee; and

15 WHEREAS, Leo A. Falcam chaired the National Capital
16 Development sub-committee during the Sixth FSM Congress and served
17 on the following committees: Judiciary and Governmental Operations
18 and Health, Education & Social Affairs; and

19 WHEREAS, Leo A. Falcam was a delegate to the Second
20 Constitutional Convention in 1990; and

21 WHEREAS, Leo A. Falcam served the Eight and Ninth Congress as
22 vice-chairman of the Committee on the External Affairs and was a
23 member of the Committees on Resources and Development and
24 Judiciary and Governmental Operations; and

25 WHEREAS, Leo A. Falcam's extensive public sector involvement

1 include service as President of the FSM Bank, a member of the
2 Bank's Board of Directors, a member of the Pohnpei Agriculture and
3 Trade School Board of Trustees and the PATS PEACE Foundation; and

4 WHEREAS, ten years to the date of his election to Congress,
5 Leo A. Falcam was elected the fourth Vice President of the
6 Federated States of Micronesia in May 1997; and

7 WHEREAS, Leo A. Falcam was seated as the Fifth President of
8 the Federated States of Micronesia two years later on May 11,
9 1999; and

10 WHEREAS, Leo A. Falcam was elected Chairman of the Standing
11 Committee for the Pacific Islands Conference of Leaders comprised
12 of heads of governments from twenty-one Pacific Island Nations, in
13 January 2001, and

14 WHEREAS, Leo A Falcam is survived by Leo A. Falcam Jr.,
15 Tamara Falcam and Iva Falcam; now, therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twentieth Congress of the Federated
17 States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2018, that Congress
18 hereby expresses its sincere condolences and sadness to the family
19 of the late President Leo A. Falcam, and to the Governments and
20 citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia at the passing of
21 the late President Leo A. Falcam on February 12, 2018; 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 Department of Foreign Affairs and to the family
4 of the late Leo A. Falcam.

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8 ADOPTED: February 15, 2018

9 Wesley W. Simina
10 Speaker
11 FSM Congress

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 Chief Clerk
 FSM Congress