

EIGHTEENTH CHUUK STATE LEGISLATURE

**FIRST REGULAR SESSION
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION, NOVEMBER, 2025**

18-25-HJR-11

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Expressing the Chuuk State Legislature's heartfelt condolences to the family, friends and colleagues of the late Honorable Senator Joseph J. Urusemal, Sixth President of the Federated States of Micronesia for his untimely passing; and expressing profound respect, honor and acknowledgment of his life, accomplishments, and dedication to the people of the Federated States of Micronesia through his years of distinguished public service.

1 **WHEREAS**, the Chuuk State Legislature and the people of Chuuk State have received
2 with profound sorrow and deep regret the news of the untimely passing of the Honorable
3 Joseph J. Urusemal, Sixth President of the Federated States of Micronesia, who passed away
4 on September 16, 2025, in the Republic of Palau; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable President Urusemal, born on March 19, 1952, on
6 Woleai in the State of Yap, was a distinguished product of our islands' education system,
7 having graduated from the prestigious Xavier High School in Chuuk State, FSM before
8 earning a Bachelor of Arts in Administration of Justice from Rockhurst College, Kansas City,
9 Missouri; and

10 **WHEREAS**, after attaining his BA in Administration of Justice, the late Honorable
11 Senator Urusemal worked for the Jackson County Department of Correction for six years
12 before returning to his home, the State of Yap; and

13 **WHEREAS**, upon his return home in 1982, the late Honorable President Urusemal
14 worked for the Yap State Department of Education, where he served as a teacher and
15 counselor to the Outer Islands High School, and where he also served on the Education
16 Steering Committee contributing significantly to the Yap State Education Five Year Plan; and

17 **WHEREAS**, his political career began with his election in 1987 as the State of Yap's
18 At-Large Representative to the Fifth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, where
19 he served with distinction, including twelve years as Floor Leader, before ascending to the
20 highest office as the Sixth President of the Federated States of Micronesia, serving from May
21 11, 2003, to 2007; and

22 **WHEREAS**, he continued his dedicated service in Congress following his presidency,
23 holding key committee assignments such as Ways and Means, Health and Social Affairs, and

1 Transportation and Communication, and most recently served as Chairman of the Committee
2 on Education and the Yap Congressional Delegation; and

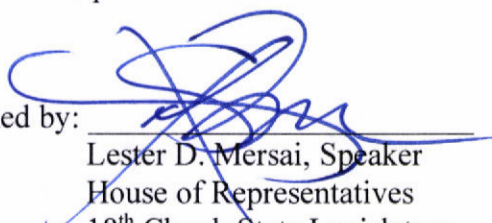
3 **WHEREAS**, the late President Urusemal, remembered as a soft-spoken but resolute
4 leader, embodied humility, strong principles, and an unwavering commitment to traditional
5 values, with a vision that helped guide the nation's development; and


6 **WHEREAS**, the Chuuk State Legislature joins the citizens of Yap and the entire
7 Federated States of Micronesia in mourning the loss of this great leader, statesman, and son
8 of our islands; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Chuuk State Legislature wishes to formally convey its deepest and
10 most sincere sympathies to his bereaved wife, Olania Latileilam of Satawal, and their loving
11 children, B.J., Tarsis, Craig, and Elenita, along with his entire family, friends, and colleagues
12 during this time of tremendous grief; now therefore,

13 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the House of Representatives with the concurrence of the
14 Senate, Eighteenth Chuuk State Legislature, First Regular Session, April, 2025 that the Chuuk
15 State Legislature hereby expresses its deepest heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and
16 colleagues of the late Honorable Senator Joseph J. Urusemal, Sixth President of the Federated
17 States of Micronesia, upon his untimely passing on September 16, 2025; and that the Chuuk
18 State Legislature hereby expresses profound respect and honor the late Honorable Joseph J.
19 Urusemal for his lifelong dedication and distinguished public service, culminating in his
20 esteemed tenure as the Sixth President of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

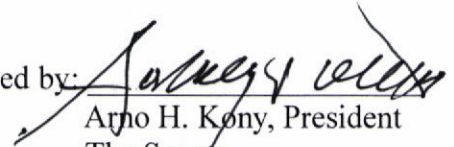
21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted
22 to the immediate family of the late Honorable President Joseph J. Urusemal as a tangible
23 symbol of the Legislature's profound respect and sympathy; to the President of the Federated
24 States of Micronesia; to the Speaker of the 24th FSM Congress; to the Governor of the State
25 of Chuuk; and to the Chief Justice of the Chuuk State Supreme Court.

Signed by: 
Lester D. Mersai, Speaker
House of Representatives
18th Chuuk State Legislature

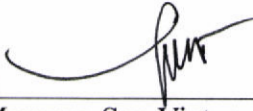
Attested by:

Merida Ueda, Chief Clerk
House of Representative
18th Chuuk State Legislature

Date: 12/04/2025

Signed by:


Arno H. Kony, President
The Senate
18th Chuuk State Legislature

Attested by:



Musume-San Victus, Chief Clerk
The Senate
18th Chuuk State Legislature

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HISTORY	H.J. R.NO.	:	18-10
	Introduced by	:	Floor Leader Wayne Olap Rep. Chonfan Herry Rep. B.J.B. Petrus Rep. Mataichy Jacob Rep. Junior Nomau Rep. Otoko Kannys
	Introduced Date	:	October 17, 2025
	Adopted Date	:	October 22, 2025
	S.C.R.NO	:	None
	H.C.R.NO.	:	None

EW TUNGORECHU

Epwe pwarata an ewe Annepwungun Mwuun Chuuk usun turutiwen netiper me pwan uwei ar kapwongen chuupwun me netipeta ngeni family, chiechian chon angang ren ma we Amafen Senator Joseph J. Urusemal, Onuwen President non ewe Federated States of Micronesia ren weiweitan sopwonon; pwan pwarano usun ar sufon me menin ren an angang eoch, me an fangeno an fansoun ngeni neun aramas me non fenuwen Federated State of Micronesia ren an angang eoch ngeni aramas.

1 **POKITEN**, ewe Annepwungun Mwuun Chuuk me aramasen Chuuk State ra ani ew
2 netip mi weires pwan mwenino nupwen a torir pworousen ma we Amafen Joseph J. Urusemal,
3 Onuwen President non ewe Federated States of Micronesia, ren sopwonon September 16,
4 2025, non ewe Republic non Palau; pwan

5 **POKITEN**, ma we Amafen President Urusemal, a upwutiw non March 19, 1952, won
6 ewe fenu Woleai non Yap State, emon mi pwan auchea ngeni pekiin kae, mi sochungio seni
7 ewe sukun Xavier High School non Chuuk Statem FSM mwemwen an epwe angei neun
8 Bachelor of Arts non Administrative justice seni Rockhurst College, Kansas City, Missouri;
9 pwan

10 **POKITEN**, mwirin an a angei neun BA non Administration of Justice, ma we Amafen
11 Senator Urusemal a angang ngeni ewe Jackson County Department Correction non ukukun
12 onu ier mwemwen an epwene niwin ngeni nenian non Yap State; pwan

13 **POKITEN**, an a niwin sefan ngeni nenian non ier 1982, Ma we Amafen President
14 Urusemal a angang ngeni Yap State Department Education, ikewe ii a angang ngeni sense me
15 counselor ngeni ewe Outer Islands High School, me pwan angang ngeni ewe Education
16 Steering Committee contributing significantly ngeni Yap State Education non nimu ier; pwan

17 **POKITEN**, an angang ngeni aramas a pwoputa non ewe ier 1987 faniten Yap States
18 an epwene emon Representatives ngeni ewe Enimwuwen Congress ngeni Federated States of
19 Micronesia, ikewe ii a pwan wiiseni ekoch wis, pachenong engon me ruu ier an emon Floor
20 Leader, me mwirin an a wiseni ewe wiis Onuwen President non Federated States of
21 Micronesia seni may 11, 2003 ngeni 2007; pwan

22 **POKITEN**, a pwan sopweno an fansoun angang ngeni wisan we Congree me mwirin
23 an emon President, ii mi pwan wiseni ekoch wiis non ewe committee ren Ways and means,

1 me Health and Social Affairs, Transportation and Communication, pwan ngeni wisan we ren
2 Chairman ren ewe Committee non Education me pwan ngeni ewe Yap Congressional
3 Delegation; pwan

4 **POKITEN**, ma we Amafen Urusemal, emon sou emwen mi ekinamwe an kapas nge
5 napenon emon sou emwen mi ani manawen tipetekison, me kirekireoch, ne rasen an angang
6 mi anisi chomong aranasen ikenai; pwan

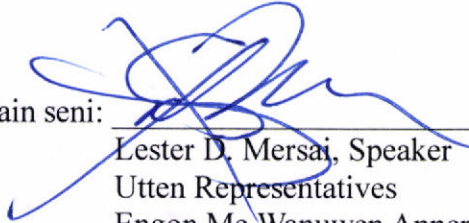
7 **POKITEN**, ewe Annepwungun Mwuun Chuuk epwe fiti aramasen Yap me unusen
8 non Federated States of Micronesia non ar netipeta ren peutunon emon sou emwen faniten
9 fenu meinisin; pwan

10 **POKITEN**, ewe Annepwungun Mwuun Chuuk epwe uwei an kapwongen chuupwun
11 me netipeta ngeni punuwan, Olania Latileilam, pwan ngeni neur kewe, B.J, Tarsis, Craig,
12 Elenita, pwan ngeni an family, chiechian non ei fansoun netipeta; iei mine

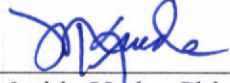
13 **EPWE PWUNG**, meren ewe Utten Representatives fiti tipe-ewin Senate, Engon Me
14 Wanuwun Annepwungun Mwuun Chuuk, Ewin Mwichenap, April, 2025 epwe pwarata usun
15 turutiwen netiper me pwan uwei ar kapwongen chupwun me netipeta ngeni family, chiechian,
16 ren ma we Amafen Senator Joseph J. Urusemal, Onuwen President of the Federated States of
17 Micronesia, ren weiweitan sopwonon September 16, 2025; pwan an ewe Annepwungun
18 Mwuun Chuuk epwe pwarano usun ar sufon me menin faniten ma we Amafen Joseph J.
19 Urusemal ren an fangeno an fansoun faniten an angang ngeni neun aramas, ii mi omwuchano
20 an ewe term ren Onuwen President non Federated State of Micronesia; pwan

21 **EPWE PWAN PWUNG**, pwun wesetan kapiin ei Tungor Echuu epwe titino ngeni
22 familien ma we Amafen President Joseph J. Urusemal an ewe Annepwung epwe pwarano usun
23 an sufon me menin; pwan ngeni President of the Federated State of Micronesia; ngeni Speaker
24 ren ewe 24th FSM Congress; ngeni Kapiinan Chuuk State; pwan ngeni Chief Justice Chuuk
25 State Supreme Court.

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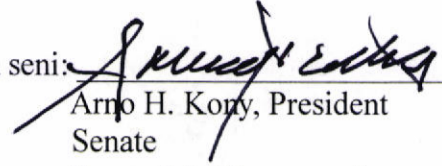

Lester D. Mersaj, Speaker
Utten Representatives
Engon Me Wanuwun Annepwungun
Mwuun Chuuk

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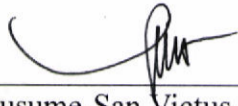

Merida Ueda, Chief Clerk
Utten Representative
Engon Me Wanuwun Annepwungun
Mwuun Chuuk

Pwinin Maram:

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Sain seni: 
Arno H. Kony, President
Senate
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Mwuun Chuuk

Annetata seni:


Musume-San Victus, Chief Clerk
Senate
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Mwuun Chuuk

Pwinin Maram: 12/05/25

URUWO	H.J.R.NO	:	18-10
	Katonong Seni	:	Floor Leader, Wayne Olap Rep. Chonfan Herry Rep. BJ B. Petrus Rep. Mataichy Jacob Rep. Junior Nomau Rep. Otoko Kannys
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