

A HOUSE 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

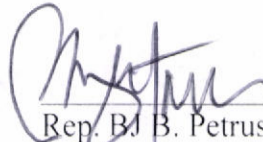
10 **WHEREAS**, after attaining his BA in Administration of Justice, the late Honorable
11 Senator Urusemal worked for the Jackson County Department of Correction for six years
12 before returning to his home, the State of Yap; and

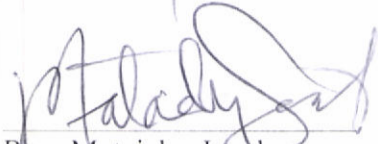
13 **WHEREAS**, upon his return home in 1982, the late Honorable President Urusemal
14 worked for the Yap State Department of Education, where he served as a teacher and
15 counselor to the Outer Islands High School, and where he also served on the Education
16 Steering Committee contributing significantly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

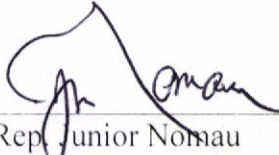
17 **WHEREAS**, his political career began with his election in 1987 as the State of Yap's
18 At-Large Representative to the Fifth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, where
19 he served with distinction, including twelve years as Floor Leader, before ascending to the
20 highest office as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


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