

**A HOUSE RESOLUTION**

Expressing heartfelt sympathy and sincere condolences of the House of Representatives to the family, relatives and friends of the late Honorable David Piano Welle, former Representative of the Chuuk State Legislature, for his untimely passing.

1           **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable David Piano Welle was born on March 13, 1958 into the  
2 family of Piano Welle and Tikiri Nonumwar with seventeen (17) siblings: eight (8) brothers and  
3 nine (9) sisters; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable David P. Welle married his wife Ridae Tomita Welle on  
5 January 31, 1981 and were later blessed with 10 sons and many grandchildren; and

6           **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable David P. Welle began his education at the Iras Demo  
7 School, Weno Chuuk State; and

8           **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable David P. Welle commenced his secondary education at  
9 the Weno Junior High School, later transferred to Xavier High School for his junior year and  
10 further transferred to Chuuk High School for his senior year where he graduated and obtained his  
11 high school diploma; and

12           **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable David P. Welle pursued his postsecondary education at  
13 the University of Wisconsin in River Falls, Wisconsin where he majored in Agriculture Economics  
14 and Political Science; and

15           **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable David P. Welle began his professional career as a captain  
16 and criminal investigator at the Chuuk State Department of Public Safety from January 1982 to  
17 October 1991; and

18           **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable David P. Welle was later employed as an investigator by  
19 the Law Offices of Del Priorie & Gumataotao, Guam from 1991 to 1994; and

20           **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable David P. Welle was elected by the people of the Northern  
21 Namoneas Region to represent them in the House of Representatives, Chuuk State Legislature  
22 from 1995 to 1999 where he was appointed as Chairman of the Judiciary and Governmental  
23 Operations Committee and was also elected to serve as Floor Leader; and

1           **WHEREAS**, after serving as a public official, the late Honorable David P. Welle was  
2 employed as the Chief of the Chuuk State Historic Preservation Program, Division of Commerce  
3 and Industry from 1999 to 2020; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable David P. Welle was appointed and served as the Deputy  
5 Director of the Department of Public Safety from June 2020 to 2025; and

6           **WHEREAS**, in addition to his extensive work experience and years of public service as  
7 an elected official, the late Honorable David P. Welle participated in a number of special trainings  
8 where he obtained numerous qualifications and certifications; and

9           **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable David P. Welle was also a devoted Christian who on April  
10 08, 1989 was ordained Deacon/Sounkoa for the Bethlehem United Church of Christ, Sapuk, Weno  
11 Chuuk; on August 01, 1998 became an advisor for the Neauo Young Christian Association, Neauo,  
12 Weno Chuuk; and from 2003 to 2025 was ordained as Soupetak, Wonporun and later as Senior  
13 Pastor for the Ngasangas Church, Sapuk, Weno Chuuk State; and

14           **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable David P. Welle dedicated years of his life to public service  
15 and played a profound role in the development of his region and the whole State of Chuuk; and

16           **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable David P. Welle was an influential and respectful leader of  
17 his community, family and Church who will surely be missed by many; and

18           **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable David P. Welle was called to his eternal resting place on  
19 April 01, 2025; and

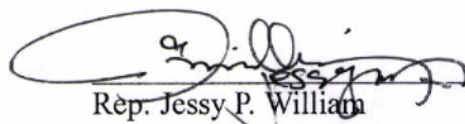
20           **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable David P. Welle is survived by his wife Ridae Tomita  
21 Welle, his ten (10) sons and many grandchildren; now therefore

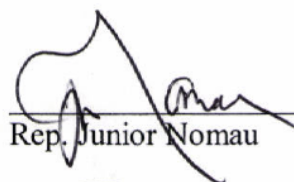
22           **BE IT RESOLVED** by the House of Representatives of the Eighteenth Chuuk State  
23 Legislature, First Regular Session, April 2025, that the House of Representatives hereby expresses  
24 its heartfelt sympathy and sincere condolences to the family, relatives and friends of the late  
25 Honorable David Piano Welle, former Representative of the Chuuk State Legislature, for his  
26 untimely passing; and

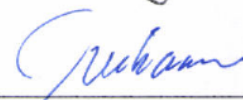
27           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to  
28 the wife and family of the late Honorable David P. Welle; the Honorable Alexander Narruhn,  
29 Governor of the State of Chuuk; the Honorable Jayson Robert, Chief Justice of the Chuuk State  
30 Supreme Court; and the Honorable Arno H. Kony, President of the Senate, Chuuk State  
31 Legislature.


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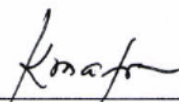
Introduced by:

  
Rep. Jessy P. Williams

  
Rep. Junior Nomau

  
Rep. Joseph Uehara

  
Rep. Johnny Robert

  
Rep. Keswick Matus