

A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sadness and condolences of the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia at the passing of Bernard Thoulag, Executive Director of the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA).

1 WHEREAS, the late Bernard Thoulag passed away on July 7, 2010,
2 at the age of 59; and

3 WHEREAS, at the time of his passing Bernard Thoulag was in
4 Papau New Guinea to attend the Sixth Pacific Islands Forum
5 Fisheries Committee Ministerial Meeting, in his capacity as
6 Executive Director of the National Oceanic Resource Management
7 Authority (NORMA); and

8 WHEREAS, Bernard Thoulag was a native of Mogmog in Ulithi
9 Atoll, an outer island of Yap State; and

10 WHEREAS, Bernard Thoulag spent a lifetime in public service to
11 the people of the Federated States of Micronesia, notably as
12 Deputy Director of National Oceanic Resource Management from 1989,
13 and as its Executive Director from 1993 until his untimely
14 passing; and

15 WHEREAS, Bernard Thoulag developed a number of important
16 regional fisheries initiatives over the years affecting the
17 Exclusive Economic Zone, and earning the respect of his colleagues
18 as a leader, mentor and friend; and

19 WHEREAS, Bernard Thoulag also made valuable contributions to
20 the education of our Nation, as a teacher and later as the first
21 Micronesian Principal at the Outer Islands High School, and as a

1 founder with other Xavier High School alumni of the Xavier Yap
2 Outer Island Scholarship Fund in 2002; and

3 WHEREAS, Bernard Thoulag is survived by his wife Jean and
4 their six children: Shaun Suliol, Russell Marechmai, Walter Marpa,
5 Walterene Hathiya-Weilbacher, Megan Tagalaiol and Keyna Tamelyor;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, the Members of the Sixteenth Congress of the
8 Federated States of Micronesia join the family, friends and
9 colleagues of Bernard Thoulag in mourning his passing; now,
10 therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED that the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated
12 States of Micronesia, Fifth Regular Session, 2010, wishes to
13 express to the family, friends and colleagues of the late Bernard
14 Thoulag its sadness and condolences at his passing; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of the resolution
16 be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of
17 Micronesia, the Governor of the State of Yap, and Bernard
18 Thoulag's wife Jean Thoulag and their children.

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20 Date: 9/20/10

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