

ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF YAP
Third Regular Session
2025

(Calendar)

Resolution No. 11-125

A RESOLUTION

Expressing the deepest sympathy and condolences of the members of the Eleventh Legislature and the people of the State of Yap to the family, relatives, and friends of the late former Speaker and Governor, the Honorable Robert Ruecho' for his untimely passing.

1 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Robert Ruecho', former
2 Speaker of the Legislature of the State of Yap, passed away on
3 August 14, 2025 at the Yap Memorial Hospital in Yap, FSM; and

4 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Robert Ruecho' was born on
5 January 1, 1946 of Bugol Village in Tomil Municipality; and

6 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Robert Ruecho' had served the
7 government and the people of the State of Yap as a dedicated
8 teacher, government employee, an elected official, a
9 representative of Yap State and the FSM nation in various
10 capacities, and an honored, distinguished statesman for more
11 than four decades and continued to contribute in many ways to
12 the State of Yap after his formal retirement; and

13 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Robert Ruecho began his
14 career in 1974 as a teacher and worked in Education until he
15 became elected to the Yap District Legislature in 1979; and

16 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Robert Ruecho' had served in
17 the Yap District Legislature and re-elected, upon ratification
18 of the constitutional government, to the First Legislature of

1 the State of Yap in 1981, and he continued to serve as a
2 Senator in until he was appointed Speaker in the Fourth and
3 Fifth Legislatures, spending almost thirty years of his career
4 as a lawmaker and an articulate leader of the State of Yap;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Robert Ruecho' was elected as
7 Governor of the State of Yap in 2003, where he served the
8 people through his Administration until 2006; and

9 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Robert Ruecho' dedicated his
10 life to the betterment of the State of Yap and earned the
11 respect of the leaders and people of the State of Yap, the
12 Federated States of Micronesia, and the Micronesian region,
13 and we will remember him for many years to come as a great
14 leader who had made significant and durable contributions to
15 the political, economic and social development of the State of
16 Yap and whose vision, dedication and strength had provided
17 invaluable guidance and gave a sense of security to the people
18 of the State of Yap; and

19 WHEREAS, the members of the Eleventh Legislature honor,
20 recognize and appreciate the many outstanding contributions
21 of the late Honorable Robert Ruecho', to the future of the
22 State of Yap as an elected official, an outstanding statesman
23 and a son of Yap; now, therefore,

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Eleventh Legislature of the State

1 of Yap, Third Regular Session, 2025, that the Legislature
2 hereby expresses the deepest sympathy and condolences of the
3 members of the Eleventh Legislature and the people of the
4 State of Yap to the family, relatives, and friends of the late
5 former Speaker and Governor, the Honorable Robert Ruecho' for
6 his untimely passing; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Resolution be transmitted to the family of the late Honorable
9 Robert Ruecho; the Governor of the State of Yap; the Speaker
10 of the Eleventh Yap State Legislature; the Chief Justice of
11 the State Court of Yap; the Chairman of the Council of Pilung;
12 and the Chairman of the Council of Tamol.

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