

ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF YAP  
Third Regular Session  
2025

Resolution No. 11-132

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A RESOLUTION

Expressing deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences to the family, relatives and friends of the late Honorable Joseph J. Urusemal for his untimely passing.

1           WHEREAS, the late Honorable Joseph J. Urusemal passed  
2   away on September 16, 2025, at the age of 80 years old, having  
3   been born on March 19, 1952; and

4           WHEREAS, the late Honorable Joseph J. Urusemal was well  
5   known in the State of Yap and throughout Micronesia as a  
6   longtime leader and statesman with extensive experience in  
7   public service and government as a beloved Congressman and the  
8   Sixth President of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

9           WHEREAS, the late Honorable Joseph J. Urusemal's formal  
10   education included Xavier High School where he graduated in  
11   1973 and obtained his Bachelor of Arts Degree in  
12   Administration of Justice in 1976 from Rockhurst College; and

13           WHEREAS, the late Honorable Joseph J. Urusemal began his  
14   public service in 1981 as a teacher at Outer Island High  
15   School and worked to support his students until 1987; and

16           WHEREAS, the late Honorable Joseph J. Urusemal was first  
17   elected to the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia  
18   in 1987 as an at-large member and has served the people of the  
19   FSM and specifically as representative of the State of Yap

1 until his passing; and

2 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Joseph J. Urusemal was  
3 elected by his colleagues as President of the Nation in 2003,  
4 where he served with distinction, practicality and humbleness,  
5 as befitting and embodying a true Yapese spirit in his  
6 dedication to the people; and

7 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Joseph J. Urusemal's many  
8 contributions to his island, community, the State of Yap, and  
9 the Nation are too numerous and varied to be specifically  
10 numbered and acknowledged, he will be remembered as a beloved  
11 statesman and an honored son of Yap; and

12 WHEREAS, during his many decades of dedicating his life  
13 to the betterment of the State of Yap, he had earned the  
14 respect of the people throughout the Nation, and he will be  
15 missed by the leaders and the people of the State of Yap as a  
16 man who had made significant contributions to the political,  
17 economical and social development of the State of Yap and the  
18 FSM; and

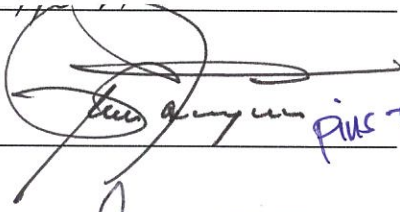
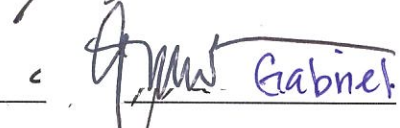

19 WHEREAS, the members of this Legislature join the family,  
20 relatives and friends of the late Honorable Joseph J. Urusemal  
21 in their moment of sadness and sorrow; now, therefore,


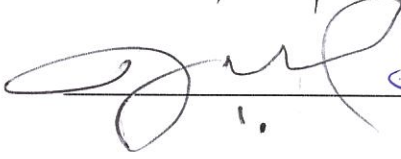

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Eleventh Legislature of the State  
23 of Yap, Third Regular Session, 2025, that the Legislature, on  
24 behalf of the government and the people of the State of Yap,

1 hereby expresses its deepest sympathy and heartfelt  
2 condolences to the family, relatives and friends of the late  
3 Honorable Joseph J. Urusemal for his untimely passing; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Resolution be transmitted to the family of the late Honorable  
6 Joseph J. Urusemal; the Speaker of the Congress of the  
7 Federated States of Micronesia; the Yap Congressional  
8 Delegation; the Governor of the State of Yap; the Chairman of  
9 the Council of Pilung; and the Chairman of the Council of  
10 Tamol.

11 Introduced by:

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