

ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF YAP  
Third Regular Session  
2025

Resolution No. 11-133

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A RESOLUTION

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

1           WHEREAS, the late Honorable Joseph Habuchmai, a resident  
2           of Yap State and a citizen of the Federated States of  
3           Micronesia passed away on September 13, 2025, in Pohnpei  
4           State, FSM at the age of 69, having been born on April 20,  
5           1956; and

6           WHEREAS, the late Honorable Joseph Habuchmai, after  
7           graduating from Outer Island High School, obtained his  
8           Associate of Science in Education degree in 1977 from the  
9           Community College of Micronesia (CCM), his Bachelor of Science  
10          in Early Childhood from Concordia College in 1979 and his M.Ed  
11          in Education from the latter college in 1984; and

12          WHEREAS, the late Honorable Joseph Habuchmai began his  
13          career as a well respected educator in the Federated States of  
14          Micronesia as an instructor with CCM in 1981 and worked in  
15          various capacities including through the transition of the CCM  
16          to the now College of Micronesia - FSM (COMFSM) as Assistant  
17          and Associate Professor, Chairperson, Director of Academic  
18          Programs and his most recent post of Education Developer:  
19          Indigenous Ways of Knowing - serving and educating the people

1 and most especially the students, of the FSM for more than  
2 forty years; and

3 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Joseph Habuchmai was elected  
4 and took office to serve the people of Yap in 2003 through  
5 2007, as Lieutenant Governor with the late Governor Robert  
6 Ruecho' and their Administration was central in carrying the  
7 State of Yap through the transition into the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amended  
8 Compact, the historical impact of Typhoon Sudal and the 2004  
9 State Constitutional Convention and subsequent referendum, to  
10 name a few; and

11 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Joseph Habuchmai has served  
12 on various boards and commissions that have benefitted the  
13 people and government of the Federated States of Micronesia,  
14 and in particular the State of Yap and are too numerous to be  
15 mentioned herein; and

16 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Joseph Habuchmai's  
17 contributions, achievements and commitment to serving the  
18 people has made him a true public servant with a lasting  
19 legacy as an Educator, Orator and Elder for the people of the  
20 State of Yap, his relatives, friends and family; now,  
21 therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Eleventh Legislature of the State  
23 of Yap, Third Regular Session, 2025, that this Legislature  
24 hereby expresses Expressing deepest sympathy and condolences

1 to the family, relatives, and friends of the late Honorable  
2 Joseph Habuchmai for his untimely passing; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
4 Resolution be transmitted to the family of the late Honorable  
5 Joseph Habuchmai; the President of the College of Micronesia-  
6 FSM; the Governor of the State of Yap; the Chairman of the  
7 Council of Pilung; and the Chairman of the Council of Tamol.

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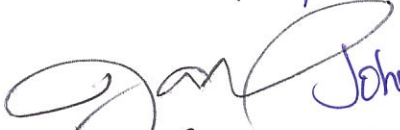
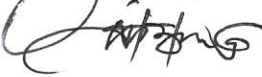
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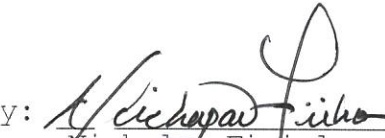
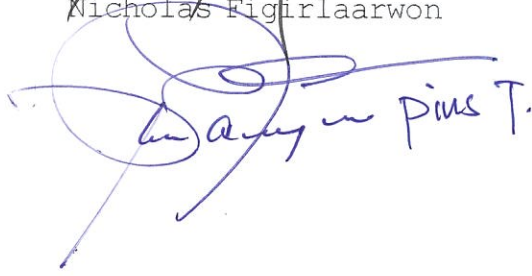
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