

ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF YAP
Fourth Regular Session
2026

Resolution No. 11-151

CALENDAR

A RESOLUTION

Expressing deepest sorrow, sympathy and condolences to the family, relatives, and friends of the late Honorable Mathias Y. (Matt) Kuor for his untimely passing.

1 WHEREAS, on January 22, 2026, at the age of 71 years, the
2 late Honorable Mathias Y. (Matt) Kuor passed away at the Chuuk
3 State Hospital in the State of Chuuk, Federated States of
4 Micronesia; and

5 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Mathias Y. (Matt) Kuor was a
6 distinguished leader not only for the State of Yap, but for
7 the State of Chuuk and the Federated States of Micronesia and
8 his contributions during his career are immeasurable; and

9 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Mathias Y. (Matt) Kuor was
10 born on November 25, 1954 on Houk Island, his father being
11 from Satawal and Houk and his mother from Houk; and

12 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Mathias Y. (Matt) Kuor
13 graduated in 1972 from Outer Island High School in Falalop,
14 Ulithi - Yap State, and he later obtained his Bachelor of Arts
15 degree in 1976 from Willamette University in the State of
16 Oregon, U.S.A; and

17 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Mathias Y. (Matt) Kuor began
18 his public career working with Vincent Figir during the First

1 Yap State Constitutional Convention in 1982, and upon being
2 elected in to the Second and Third Legislatures of Yap State,
3 served as a Vice Chairman on the Committee on Finance (1980-
4 1984) and again as member in the same committee as well as
5 Vice Speaker (1985-1988), and he was elected to the Office of
6 the Lt. Governor of the State of Yap where he served from 1995
7 through 1999 with the Figir Administration; and

8 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Mathias Y. (Matt) Kuor was
9 exceptional in his island community, by fostering the
10 cooperation between the many islands and atolls in his home
11 region, and he further served as one of the client
12 representatives for the people of Satawal, orchestrating and
13 establishing the Satawal Island Trust Investment; and

14 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Mathias Y. (Matt) Kuor
15 briefly served as Director of the FSM Disaster Office, the
16 predecessor of the current Department of Environment, Climate
17 Change and Emergency Management (DECEM); and

18 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Mathias Y. (Matt) Kuor went
19 on to work diligently as an honored public servant for the
20 people and State of Chuuk through his election into the Chuuk
21 State Legislature later in his life; and

22 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Mathias Y. (Matt) Kuor
23 contributions, dedication, and commitment to the promotion and
24 development of the State of Yap and further on for the State

1 of Chuuk are too numerous to be enumerated herein but they
2 will always be remembered by the leaders and people of the
3 State of Yap, the State of Chuuk and the Federated States of
4 Micronesia; now, therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Eleventh Legislature of the State
6 of Yap, Fourth Regular Session, 2026, that on behalf of the
7 State of Yap and its Leadership, this Legislature hereby
8 expresses deepest sorrow, sympathy and condolences to the
9 family, relatives, and friends of the late Honorable Mathias
10 Y. (Matt) Kuor for his untimely passing; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Resolution be transmitted to the family of the late Honorable
13 Mathias Y. (Matt) Kuor; the President of the Senate in the
14 Chuuk State Legislature; the Speaker of the House in the Chuuk
15 State Legislature; the Governor of the State of Chuuk; the
16 Chairman of the Chuuk Congressional Delegation; the Chairman
17 of the Yap Congressional Delegation; the Governor of the State
18 of Yap; the Chairman of the Council of Pilung and the Chairman
19 of the Council of Tamol.

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Date: 2.5.20

Introduced by:


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