

STATE OF YAP

THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2025

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## 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  
3   away on August 14, 2025 at the Yap Memorial Hospital in  
4   Yap, FSM; and

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

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

16           WHEREAS, the late Honorable Robert Ruecho began his  
17   career in 1974 as a teacher and worked in Education until  
18   he became elected to the Yap District Legislature in

1 1979; and

2 WHEREAS, the late Honorable Robert Ruecho' had  
3 served in the Yap District Legislature and re-elected,  
4 upon ratification of the constitutional government, to  
5 the First Legislature of the State of Yap in 1981, and he  
6 continued to serve as a Senator in until he was appointed  
7 Speaker in the Fourth and Fifth Legislatures, spending  
8 almost thirty years of his career as a lawmaker and an  
9 articulate leader of the State of Yap; and

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

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

1 and gave a sense of security to the people of the State  
2 of Yap; and

3 WHEREAS, the members of the Eleventh Legislature  
4 honor, recognize and appreciate the many outstanding  
5 contributions of the late Honorable Robert Ruecho', to  
6 the future of the State of Yap as an elected official, an  
7 outstanding statesman and a son of Yap; now, therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Eleventh Legislature of the  
9 State of Yap, Third Regular Session, 2025, that the  
10 Legislature hereby expresses the deepest sympathy and  
11 condolences of the members of the Eleventh Legislature  
12 and the people of the State of Yap to the family,  
13 relatives, and friends of the late former Speaker and  
14 Governor, the Honorable Robert Ruecho' for his untimely  
15 passing; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
17 Resolution be transmitted to the family of the late  
18 Honorable Robert Ruecho; the Governor of the State of  
19 Yap; the Speaker of the Eleventh Yap State Legislature;  
20 the Chief Justice of the State Court of Yap; the Chairman  
21 of the Council of Pilung; and the Chairman of the Council  
22 of Tamol.

1     **Adopted on: August 21, 2025**

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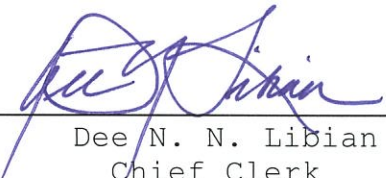
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Nicholas Figirlaarwon  
**Speaker**

  
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Dee N. N. Libian  
Chief Clerk