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A RESOLUTION

Expressing the Twelfth Kosrae State Legislature's deepest sympathy to the passing of the late former Governor Robert James Weilbacher and sincere condolences to his wife Josepha Arriola Weilbacher and family.

1 **WHEREAS**, the late Robert James Weilbacher was born on September 14, 1946 and
2 called to his eternal rest on the 26th of January, 2020; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the late Robert James Weilbacher is survived by his wife Josepha Arriola
4 Weilbacher, four (4) grown sons: Robert James Weilbacher, Jr., Wayne J.A. Weilbacher,
5 Bradley J.A. Weilbacher, and Leigh J.A. Weilbacher; five (5) daughters: Debra J.W. Perman,
6 Bellatrix J.W. Shoniber, Flora J.W. Fagan, Iona J. Redford Alokoa, and Yvonne J.A.
7 Weilbacher; Twenty-four (24) grandchildren; and three (3) great grandchildren; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the late Robert James Weilbacher had graduated from the Xavier High
9 School in Chuuk as Class Valedictorian in 1966, historically known as the first Kosraean to
10 graduate from the prominent secondary school; and

11 **WHEREAS**, right after high school, the late Robert James Weilbacher, through an
12 academic scholarship, had completed his studies at the Phillipines Merchant Marine Academy,
13 where he also later attained his qualifications as a licensed Micronesian Merchant Marine, one of
14 the few Micronesians ever to receive such esteemed credential; and

15 **WHEREAS**, the late Robert James Weilbacher had began his professional career in
16 Saipan as a Maritime Captain, a career he was deeply passionate about, especially since he came
17 from a long line of family sailors and endearingly loyal to the maritime code. Later during the

1 Trust Territory era, the late Robert James Weilbacher had worked for the Department of
2 Transportation in Saipan, all throughout the birth and independence of the Federated States of
3 Micronesia. Later on while residing in the State of Pohnpei, the late Robert James Weilbacher
4 had worked and retired as the first Secretary of the Department of Transportation at the FSM
5 National Government; After returning to the State of Kosrae, he had served as the Director of
6 Public Works for several years, then after running for the Office of Governor, the late Robert
7 James Weilbacher was elected as the Sixth Governor and Chief Executive for the State of
8 Kosrae, from 2007 – 2011.

9 **WHEREAS**, the late Robert James Weilbacher played an important role not only in
10 government but in the lives of his family, his friends, and even of those he did not know; He was
11 highly regarded as always approachable, cheerful, thoughtful, honest, modest, patient, calm, and
12 ever willing to reach out a helping hand to those in need; His life impacted many through his
13 words of wisdom and humble personality; **NOW AND THEREFORE**

14 **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the members of the Twelfth Kosrae State Legislature, Third
15 Regular Session, February, 2020, hereby extend its deepest sympathy to the passing of the late
16 former Governor Robert James Weilbacher and sincere condolences to his wife Josepha Arriola
17 Weilbacher and family; and

18 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to
19 his wife Josepha Arriola Weilbacher and their families; and to The Honorable Carson K. Sigrah,
20 Governor of the State of Kosrae.

TWELFTH KOSRAE STATE LEGISLATURE

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