

TWELFTH KOSRAE STATE LEGISLATURE

FIFTEENTH SPECIAL SESSION, JANUARY 2021

L.R. No. 12-212

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A RESOLUTION

Expressing the Twelfth Kosrae State Legislature's deepest sympathy to the passing of the late former Governor Thurston K. Siba and further conveying sincere condolences to his family.

1       **WHEREAS**, the late former Governor Siba was born into a family of nine sisters to Mr.

2       Kilafwakun Siba and Evelyn Siba on July 28, 1937, and called to his eternal rest in the early

3       morning of January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at his residence in Inkoanong, Lelu ; and

4       **WHEREAS**, at the age of six, the late former Governor Siba lost his mother during the

5       2<sup>nd</sup> World War and was primarily raised by his father and nine sisters; and

6       **WHEREAS**, the late former Governor Siba graduated from the Lelu Elementary School

7       in 1953 and immediately got selected to attend the Ponape Intermediate School where he

8       graduated in 1957, then went further to attend the Pacific Island Central School (PICS) at Chuuk,

9       which was later relocated to Kolonia, Pohnpei, where he graduated in 1961; and

10       **WHEREAS**, the late former Governor Siba had served the State Government of Kosrae

11       with undivided integrity and dedication in various esteemed positions; and

12       **WHEREAS**, from 1960 to 1966, the late former Governor Siba began his public services

13       with the teachers of Yekula High School; during the same period, the late former Governor Siba

14       won a Trust Territory Scholarship to study at the University of Guam (then College of Guam),

15       where he majored in Education; and

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1       **WHEREAS**, from 1967 to 1978, the late former Governor Siba was hired for a  
2       Postmaster position at the Kosrae U.S. Postal Services, during which time he picked up  
3       accounting and business management short-term courses at institutions in Guam and Hawaii; and

4       **WHEREAS**, from 1979 to 1983, the late former Governor Siba became a Senator and  
5       member of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Kosrae District Legislature, where he served as the Chairman of the Ways &  
6       Means Committee, among other committees; and

7       **WHEREAS**, from 1984 to 1991, the late former Governor Siba became the Speaker of  
8       the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Kosrae District Legislatures; during the same period, in 1984, the late former  
9       Governor Siba was elected a delegate of the 1<sup>st</sup> Kosrae Constitutional Convention, where he  
10      became the Vice President of the Convention; and

11      **WHEREAS**, from 1991 to 1995, the late former Governor Siba took office as the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
12      Governor of the State of Kosrae; and

13      **WHEREAS**, from 1995 to 1998, after having decided not to seek his second term of the  
14      governorship, the late former Governor Siba got re-elected for a seat in the legislature and  
15      became the Floor Leader of the 6<sup>th</sup> Kosrae State Legislature; during this period, the late former  
16      Governor Siba was also elected as the President of the Association of Pacific Island Legislature  
17      for two years; and

18      **WHEREAS**, from 1999 to 2002, the late former Governor Siba, for the fifth and final  
19      comeback, once again got re-elected as a Senator and member of the 7<sup>th</sup> Kosrae State

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Legislature; in 2002, the late former Governor Siba ended his political career when he decided to retire; and

**WHEREAS**, the late former Governor Siba was certainly active in both community and church affairs; from 1980 to 1984, he was elected as the President of Lelu Christian Endeavor (Etawi Lelu); also in 1986, he was elected President of the Kosrae Island Christian Endeavor (Etawi-All); in 1997, he was selected and tasked to supervise a major construction project, to extend the Lelu Church building at its width, which was successfully completed in the later part of 1997 under his supervision; furthermore, the late former Governor Siba had also been anointed as one of the seven Deacons of the Lelu Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the late former Governor Siba is survived by his wife Norma; seven sons: Norston T. Siba, Steiner T. Siba, Gibson T. Siba, Bernis T. Siba, Norwood T. Siba, Thomson T. Siba, Swinston T. Siba; two daughters: Evelyn B. Palik and Margaret H. Abraham; and more than 20 grandchildren, including great grandchildren; **NOW AND THEREFORE**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the members of the Twelfth Kosrae State Legislature, in recognition of the invaluable services rendered to the people and the State of Kosrae, hereby express their deepest sympathy to the passing of the late former Governor Thurston K. Siba and to further convey sincere condolences to his family; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Norston T. Siba on behalf of the family of the late former Governor Siba; and The Honorable Carson K. Sigrah, Governor of the State of Kosrae.

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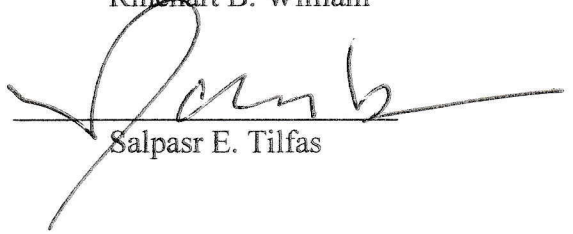
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