

TWELFTH KOSRAE STATE LEGISLATURE

THIRD REGULAR SESSION, FEBRUARY 2020

L.R. No. 12-80

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A RESOLUTION

Expressing, on behalf of the people of Kosrae, the sincere gratitude and appreciations of Robert Annan Riley former United States of America ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia

1           **WHEREAS,** Robert Annan Riley was born in Annapolis. Maryland USA where from  
2 his father a highly dedicated doctor who waived his fees for the poor and his mother raised him  
3 and his siblings selflessly while his father worked, both of whom had inculcated in him a sense  
4 of service & tireless devotion to duty.

5           **WHEREAS,** Robert Annan Riley after graduating from Key School then went on to Yale  
6 University where earned a BA in English Literature in 1979.

7           **WHEREAS,** Robert Annan Riley after graduation served with the Peace Corps in  
8 Gabon until 1983 and subsequently was appointed to paid positions in this organization  
9 culminating in his being appointed in 1989 as chief administrative officer for the Africa Region.

10           **WHEREAS,** Robert Annan Riley commenced his career in the US foreign service in  
11 1993 undertaking a variety of positions in diverse locations culminating in his appointment as  
12 US ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia after being nominated for this diplomatic  
13 post by former President Obama whose nomination was upheld by the US Senate Foreign  
14 Relations Committee in May, 2016 after Robert Annan Riley gave testimony to this committee  
15 which clearly showed his depth of understanding not only of the long lasting close relations  
16 between the United States of America and the Federated States of Micronesia but also of the  
17 challenges both economic and natural facing the FSM.

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1           **WHEREAS**, during his term from May 23, 2016 to January, 29, 2020 as US  
2 ambassador to the FSM Robert Annan Riley drawing on his experience working in the Peace  
3 Corps and subsequently performing his duties in diverse locations including Hanoi, Vietnam,  
4 Manila, Philippines & Singapore further nurtured the special & close relationship existing  
5 between the FSM & the USA

6           **WHEREAS**, one of the qualities possessed by Robert Annan Riley is his capacity to  
7 effectively and sensitively engage with major stakeholders in the FSM. This is demonstrated by,  
8 just before his diplomatic posting to the FSM concluded, his attending the office of the Speaker  
9 of the Kosrae State Legislature acknowledging the Speaker's expression of gratitude for his  
10 interest in the welfare of the State of Kosrae & its residents and concerns raised by the Speaker  
11 in regards to citizens of the FSM including those resident in Kosrae travelling to the USA

12           **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the members of the Twelfth Kosrae State Legislature, in  
13 recognition of the contributions and assistance of Robert Annan Riley during his posting to the  
14 FSM express their gratitude for his services towards Kosrae & its resident wish him all the best  
15 in his new diplomatic posting ; and

16           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
17 the Honorable Carson K. Sigrah, Governor of the State of Kosrae & Robert Annan Riley  
18 Ambassador

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