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A RESOLUTION

Expressing the Thirteenth Kosrae State Legislature's deepest sympathy, on behalf of the people and State of Kosrae, to the passing of the late Sterling N. Skilling and sincerest condolences to his wife Cathy Litulumar Skilling and family.

1 **WHEREAS**, the late Sterling N. Skilling was born on the 26th of September, 1946 in the
2 State of Kosrae and called to his eternal rest on 26th day of February, 2024 at the Virginia Mason
3 Franciscan Hospice in Seattle, Washington; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the late Sterling N. Skilling was born to Norman Fred Skilling of Fikil,
5 Lelu and the former Tulpe Nena Skilling of Otnaur, Lelu and was the third child of ten (10)
6 siblings, which include Shiro N. Skilling (deceased), Kunie Tadasy Sigrah, Mary-Ruth Taitang
7 Noda, Fred N. Skilling, Skipper N. Skilling, Sepe Swaitcher Sam, Lucy William Allen
8 (deceased), Kennedy N. Skilling, and Tulpe Lisies Nithan (deceased); and

9 **WHEREAS**, the late Sterling N. Skilling started in the grade school level in 1952, went
10 on through his sophomore year at Yekula High School in Tafunsak in 1965; he then relocated to
11 Lusk, Wyoming where he concluded his high school education in 1967; Immediately after
12 graduating high school, the late Sterling N. Skilling enrolled and attended the University of
13 Hawaii and in 1971, moved to Saipan, Northern Marianas Islands for his internship under the
14 Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; In 1972, the late Sterling N. Skilling returned to the
15 University of Hawaii where he graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Business Management; and

16 **WHEREAS**, after graduating from college in 1972, the late Sterling N. Skilling began
17 his professional career working at Saipan, CNMI MOBIL Co. from 1973 to 1977 as an
18 Accountant and later in the year 1978 returned to Kosrae and managed the MOBIL bulk plant for

1 a good number of years; In the year 1990, the late Sterling N. Skilling was employed with
2 Moylan's Insurance as an Agent until his retirement in 2009; and

3 **WHEREAS**, upon his return to Kosrae and having found an interest in the game of
4 tennis during college, the late Sterling N. Skilling initiated the process of building the first tennis
5 court in Kosrae, which was then constructed at the Lelu Elementary School compound; and

6 **WHEREAS**, the late Sterling N. Skilling is survived by his wife Cathy Litulumar
7 Skilling from Saipan, CNMI. They have six (6) children namely Andrea Lorraine, Jack Vincent,
8 Jennifer Lisa, Tulpe Ann, Sterling, Jr., and Norman. They are also blessed with seventeen (17)
9 grandchildren and two (2) great grandchildren; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the late Sterling N. Skilling had a vast history and impact in the game of
11 tennis within the Oceania region. Mr. Skilling's passion was devoted to the game of tennis as an
12 avid player, coach, manager, and organizer. He participated in the First and Second FSM Games
13 in June, 1995 and July, 1998 respectively; throughout his adult life, the late Sterling N. Skilling
14 continued on to build his legacy as a player and coach for more than four decades, where he also
15 held the titles of the President of the Kosrae Tennis Association, as well as the President of the
16 FSM Lawn Tennis Federation; He was truly the thriving force behind the construction of the
17 tennis court and the eventual keeper of the facility, devoting his life maintaining the tennis court;
18 and

19 **WHEREAS**, a special highlight in his sports career was when the late Sterling N.
20 Skilling was chosen as the Chef De Mission for the World Olympics in London,

1 as he proudly carried and displayed the FSM flag, the small little nation in which he loved and
2 held dearly to his heart; **NOW & THEREFORE**

3 **BE IT RESOLVED**, by the members of the Thirteenth Kosrae State Legislature, Third
4 Regular Session, February, 2024, in due recognition and tribute to his invaluable contribution
5 and commitment to the people and State of Kosrae, hereby extend its deepest sympathy to the
6 passing of the late Sterling N. Skilling and sincere condolences to his wife Cathy Litulumar
7 Skilling and family; and

8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to
9 his wife Cathy Litulumar, on behalf of the family; and to The Honorable Tulensa W. Palik,
10 Governor of the State of Kosrae.

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13 Date: 03/15/24

Introduced by: _____

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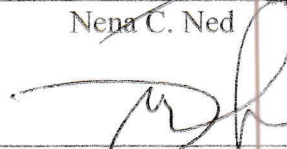
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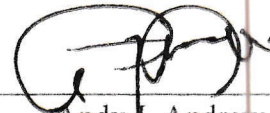
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