



Republic of the Marshall Islands
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RESOLUTION 24

Introduced by:

MINISTER WILBUR HEINE

Approved:

HON. SPEAKER KENNETH A. KEDI /S/

**NITIJELA OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS
37TH CONSTITUTION REGULAR SESSION, 2016**



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A **RESOLUTION** to express the deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences on behalf of the Government and the People of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to the family, relatives and friends of the late and former Senator Tadashi Gushi Lometo.

WHEREAS, the late and former Senator Tadashi Gushi Lometo died on July 15, 2016, at 6:00 am at the age of 63 at Pali Momi in Oahu, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, the late and former Senator Tadashi Gushi Lometo was born on Nallu Island, Mili Atoll on July 16, 1953 and is survived by his children namely Tamiko, Tod, Joniton, Takashi, Takamo, John, Ivana, Shutaro Jr., Gamaliel, Nathaniel and Jackrick; and

WHEREAS, the late and former Senator Tadashi Gushi Lometo attended Mili Atoll Christian Elementary School in Nallu Mili from 1963 to 1964. From 1964 to 1965, he attended Uliga Protestant Christian Elementary School, then went on to Aur Public Elementary School from 1965 to 1967, and 1968, he graduated from Mili Elementary School, Mili Atoll; and

WHEREAS, he started his secondary education at Marshall Islands High School in 1968 and in 1971 he moved to the United States where he graduated from Brookfield High in Brookfield, Connecticut. In 1973, he continued on to college and attended University of Guam and went on to University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond Oklahoma, and graduated with his Bachelor of Arts. During his time in college, he worked at various part time jobs and during the summers he took summer jobs in the RMI including teaching at Ebeye Public Elementary School in

Kwajalein Atoll and working at the Curriculum Learning Center (CLT) in Majuro;
and

WHEREAS, he began his professional career in 1982 when he was the first elected Mayor for Mili Atoll Local Government as the title was then changed from magistrate. In 1984, he went back to school and attended University of Hawaii, Manoa, Honolulu Hawaii, and at the same time worked for the Special Learning Educational Program (SLEP), Hawaii State Department of Education, Pearl City Hawaii and graduated in 1986 with Masters in Public Health (MPH). From 1987 to 1989, he work as Medical Referral Coordinator at 177 Health Plan, Queen's Medical Center in Honolulu Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, he ran for seat at the Second Constitutional Convention and was elected representing Mili Atoll and became Administrator for the Political Education Program Committee. After the Second Constitutional Convention, he worked for the Nitijela as a Translator for 3 months before he took the post as Executive Director for the Marshall Islands Head Start Program from 1990 until 1992. Then from 1993 to 1995 he worked for the Micronesian Legal Services Corporation, Majuro Marshall Islands, as a Counselor/Trial Assistant; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, he ran for seat at the Nitijela and became Member of the Nitijela, representing the People of Mili Atoll and had represented them for nearly 12 years. In 1999, during his re-election for the second term, he became Minister for Health Services from 2000 to 2001 and later in 2001 he was re-appointed as Minister in Assistance to the President until the end of the term. In his third re-election to the Nitijela, he was appointed Chairman for Nitijela Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Trade (FAT) and at the same, served on various Standing Committees throughout his years as Member of the Nitijela, and 2013 he became Clerk of the Nitijela until his retirement in 2014; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, he was very involved in the communities where he lived. He joined and held office in organizations from churches, schools and the Marshallese communities. He participated in International and Regional Conferences. He chaired the 13th South Pacific Regional Environment Ministers' Forum in Majuro in 2002. He was a member of the Discussion Panel in the 2nd Asian Ministerial Conference on the United Nations Convention for Combating Desertification (UNCCD) in Preparation for the 6th COP, held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates in June 2003. Vice Chair in the South Pacific Regional Environment Ministers' Forum in Apia Samoa in September of 2003. He also Co-Chaired with

Japan Environment Minister during the 9th Conference of the Parties to the United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change in Milan Italy, in December, 2003; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the Nitijela to pay tribute to his many contributions, and to express on behalf of the Government and the People of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, deepest sympathies and heart-felt condolences to the family, relatives and friends of the late former Senator Tadashi Gushi Lometo; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the People of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, through the Nitijela at its 37th Constitutional Regular Session 2016, that the Nitijela hereby expresses its deepest sympathy and heart-felt condolences to the family, relatives and friends of the late and former Senator Tadashi Gushi Lometo on his passing, and to pay tribute for his many contributions to the nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the adoption of this resolution, the Minister responsible on behalf of the Government and people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands transmit a copy of the resolution to the family, relatives and friends of the late and former Senator Tadashi Gushi Lometo.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify:

1. That Nitijela Resolution No: 24 was passed by the Nitijela of the Republic of the Marshall Islands on the 8th day of August 2016; and
2. That I am satisfied that Nitijela Resolution No: 24 was adopted in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Constitution of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Rules of Procedures of the Nitijela.

I hereby place my signature before the Clerk this 8th day of August 2016.

Attest:

_____/s/_____

Hon. Kenneth A. Kedi

Speaker

Nitijela of the Marshall Islands

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Morean Watak

Clerk

Nitijela of the Marshall Islands