NITIJELA OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS
43RD CONSTITUTIONAL REGULAR SESSION, 2022

Republic of the Marshall Islands
Jepilpilin Ke Ejukaan

RESOLUTION 70

A RESOLUTION conveying the deepest and most profound condolences, and sincere appreciation of the People of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to the family and friends of late Joe "Joseph" G. Murphy.

WHEREAS, late Joe "Joseph" G. Murphy, a U.S. citizen, passed away at the age of 79, on February 23rd, 2022, in Washington State, United States of America; and

WHEREAS, late Murphy is survived by his wife Thelma, children Rose, Catherine, John, Suzanne, Margaret, Molly, Fintan, Sam, Charles, Coleen, Patrick, Sean, Sylvia and Deardre, as well as (32) grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, at the age of 25, late Murphy first arrived in Majuro in the mid-1960s and was dispatched by the Peace Corps to Ujelang, the atoll of the nuclear exiles from the Enewetak bomb tests that was a textbook definition of the term "in the back of beyond". Despite the circumstance, late Murphy always thrived as an elementary teacher, survived food shortages and the hordes of rats, endearing him to a generation of Ujelang people as an honorary member of the exiled community. Late Murphy was a witness to and a background encourager of the protest by Ujelang Atoll to demand the Trust Territory district headquarters to get action on their plight of exile; and

WHEREAS, after spending a year on Ujelang Atoll, he later moved to the urban center to teach public school class. He later rewrote what he then deemed boring curriculum and taught in military style, replete with chants in English. His stint was long remembered with fondness by students; and

WHEREAS, late Murphy was a founder of then called "Micronitor" later became the Micronesian Independent for a bit before finding its identity as the Marshall Islands Journal. Late Murphy was an icon and had profound impact on our country because he fostered free speech and demanded that those in our government always be held accountable. He had in deep belief that everything in government should be transparent, that the people of the Marshall Islands deserved to know what is happening within the walls of their public institutions; and

WHEREAS, Late Murphy is remembered as someone who wanted to give the Republic of the Marshall Islands a voice, a voice to be heard in many spectrums; and

WHEREAS, late Murphy was more than a teacher or journalist, he was a fighter with strong belief in freedom of speech where his Journal was a proof that the "freedom of press" provision in the Marshall Islands Constitution's fine Bill of Rights was a living and breathing document; and

WHEREAS, like many other successful business stories, late Murphy had his own successful story where he helped and built many businesses, such as Marshall Islands Club, Hotel Marshall Islands and Flame Tree, among many others; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the Nitijela, on behalf of the Government and the People of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, to pay tribute to his outstanding contributions, and to express deepest sincere and sympathy and condolences to the family, relatives and friends throughout the Marshall Islands;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the People of the Republic of the Marshall Islands through their Nitijela, at its 43rd Constitutional Regular Session, 2022, hereby conveys the deepest and most profound condolences and sincere appreciations of the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to the family and friends of late Joe "Joseph" G. Murphy;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon the adoption, the Speaker of the Nitijela shall transmit this Resolution on behalf of the Government and the people, to the family, relatives and friends of late Joe "Joseph" G. Murphy.

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