A RESOLUTION

To express the thanks and the appreciation of the People and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands for the assistance that the Honorable Barry M. Kurren, United States Magistrate Judge for the District of Hawaii, has provided to the Republic and its judiciary.

WHEREAS, during the course of his career as a United States federal judge, Magistrate Judge Barry M. Kurren has served the Republic well as an acting associate justice of the Supreme Court from 2004 to the present, deciding a number of important cases and controversies, including election cases, land right cases, derivative action cases, cases regarding appellate standards for review, and cases regarding court rules; and

WHEREAS, Judge Kurren’s well-reasoned and lucid decisions have helped not only to maintain the independence of the Republic’s judiciary, but also to engender respect for the judiciary both at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, Judge Kurren’s calm demeanor and dedication to excellence have been, and will be, a model for the Republic’s bench and bar; and

WHEREAS, throughout his service, Judge Kurren has shown himself to be a true and dedicated friend of the Republic; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the People of the Republic of the Marshall Islands through their Nitijela in its 37th Regular Constitutional Session, 2016, that the Nitijela express, and hereby expresses, on behalf of the people and the government of the Republic, its sincere thanks and appreciation to Judge Kurren for his service to the Republic as an acting associate justice of the
Supreme Court and for helping to establish an independent and respected judiciary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted by the Clerk of the Nitijela to Judge Kurren.

Date: February 11, 2016

Introduced by:

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Min. Thomas Heine Signature