



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

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Island of Guam
Republic of Kiribati
Republic of the Marshall Islands
Republic of Nauru
Republic of Palau
State of Hawaii

A RESOLUTION

APIL Resolution No. 62-BOD-10

“To convey heartfelt sympathies and condolences to the family, relatives, and friends of the late former Senator Haruo Esang for his untimely passing, and to memorialize his long and devoted career in public service and his many contributions to our people as a warmly remembered founding statesman of the Republic of Palau and as an exceptionally talented former President of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the late former Senator Haruo Esang was born on January 29, 1938
2 in Tokyo, Japan to the late Esang Ucherbelau and Hatsuko Eanisima; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the late former Senator Haruo Esang attended Mindszenty High
4 School and completed his secondary education at John F. Kennedy High School in
5 Guam; he also attended the Trust Territory Nursing School in Palau from 1954 to 1956;
6 and from 1964 to 1968, he attended the University of Guam majoring in Business
7 Administration; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the late former Senator Haruo Esang worked as nurse at the Palau
9 MacDonald Memorial Hospital in Palau from 1955 to 1966, then in 1976 he became the
10 manager of the Western Carolines Trading Company (WCTC) when it came under
11 receivership of the Trust Territory Government; and

12 **WHEREAS**, from 1975 to 1978, the late former Senator Haruo Esang worked as
13 an Economist for the Economic Development Division, former Trust Territory of the
14 Pacific Islands (TTPI) Headquarters in Saipan; thereafter, from 1980 to 1984 he was
15 employed by the Office of Planning and Statistics as a Statistics Specialist and later
16 became the Chief of the Statistics Division; and

17 **WHEREAS**, the late former Senator Haruo Esang won the Special Election in
18 1985 to fill the vacant seat of the Senate of the Second Olbiil Era Kelulau, when Lazarus
19 E. Salii became President of the Republic of Palau; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the late former Senator Haruo Esang served as a member of the
2 Senate of the Second Olbiil Era Kelulau from 1985 to 1987, during which time he served
3 on the Senate Committees on Resources and Development, Ways and Means, and
4 Foreign Affairs; and when the Senate reorganized in October of 1986, he was elected
5 Vice President of the Senate; and

6 **WHEREAS**, in 1988, the late former Senator Haruo Esang was re-elected to the
7 Senate of the Third Olbiil Era Kelulau, and served as the Senate Vice President and
8 Chairman of the Senate Committee on Health and Social Welfare from 1989 to 1992; he
9 was re-elected to the Senate of the Fourth Olbiil Era Kelulau, and continued to serve as
10 the Senate Vice President and Chairman of the Senate Committee on Health and Social
11 Welfare from 1993 to 1996; and the late former Senator Haruo Esang was re-elected to
12 the Fifth Olbiil Era Kelulau, where he continued to serve as the Senate Vice President
13 and was the Vice Chairman of the Senate Committee on Health and Social Welfare; and

14 **WHEREAS**, during the late former Senator Haruo Esang's tenure as a member of
15 the Senate, he was most active in the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL)
16 representing the Senate to the APIL General Assembly meetings in the region; and

17 **WHEREAS**, in 1993, during the APIL General Assembly held in Palau, the late
18 Senator Haruo Esang was elected Secretary of APIL and served as the Chairman of the
19 Transportation Committee; in 1995, he was elected as the President of APIL during the
20 14th General Assembly in Pohnpei, FSM; the late former Senator Haruo Esang was re-
21 elected President of APIL during the 15th APIL General Assembly in Palau; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the late former Senator Haruo Esang continued his public service
23 after retiring as Vice President of the Senate; he was a consultant to former President
24 Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr., a member of the Board of Directors of the Palau Visitors
25 Authority, and Chairman of the Public Health Community Support Group; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the late former Senator Haruo Esang was also an avid businessman
27 who started his own private business in Saipan during the TTPI era; he later established
28 several businesses in Palau, including the United Trust Construction Company (UTCC),
29 GF Enterprise Incorporated, GF Automotive, GF Auto Parts, HE Budget Marts, and
30 Space Rentals; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Haruo Esang, Senator, will forever be
2 remembered as a true inspiration and example of upstanding citizenry, with all the
3 qualities and characteristics of a citizen dedicated to making a positive impact on our
4 community; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the former Senator Haruo Esang was called to his eternal rest on
6 Saturday, April 1, 2023 at the age of 85; now, therefore,

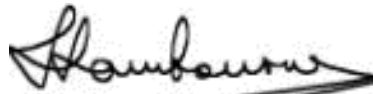
7 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 62nd Board
8 Meeting, April 5-6 2023, that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Association of
9 Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby conveys heartfelt sympathies and condolences to the
10 family, relatives, and friends of the late former Senator Haruo Esang for his untimely
11 passing, and to memorialize his public services and contributions to the country of the
12 Republic of Palau and to the APIL Pacific; and

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify and the
14 APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be
15 transmitted to the Chief Executives and Presiding Legislative Officers of each member
16 jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 6TH DAY OF APRIL, 2023.



NELSON STEPHEN
PRESIDENT



TESSIE ERIA LAMBOURNE
SECRETARY

