

FIFTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SESSION, 2007

H. C. R. NO. 15-98

A HOUSE COMMEMORATIVE RESOLUTION

“To pay tribute to the late Honorable Senate President Lutu TS Fuimaono, an esteemed member of the APIL and a dear friend of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.”

1 **WHEREAS**, on September 19, 2004, the people of American Samoa received sad news
2 that the late Honorable Senate President Lutu TS Fuimaono departed this life at the age of 74
3 years; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the late Honorable Senate President Lutu TS Fuimaono began his
5 childhood education locally in American Samoa at Poyer School in Pago Pago and graduated
6 from the High School of American Samoa (now Samoana); and

7 **WHEREAS**, Honorable Senate President Lutu TS Fuimaono moved to California where
8 he attended Reedly Junior College and the Automation Institution of California and later joined
9 the U.S. Air Force in 1954, where he served for four years; and

10 **WHEREAS**, he married Sinira Talatunu in California and in the mid-sixties moved his
11 family back to American Samoa, where he further attended the American Samoa Community
12 College (ASCC); and

13 **WHEREAS**, Honorable Senate President Lutu Fuimaono’s career started as a newscaster
14 for KVZK-TV and WVUV radio (when it was owned by the government), where he used the
15 popular on-air name Tama Lelei, and later became station manager in 1966; and

16 **WHEREAS**, he was also the U.S. Meat Inspector for a brief period before joining the
17 House of Representatives, where he served three terms as Chief House Clerk; and

18 **WHEREAS**, Honorable Senate President Lutu TS Fuimaono first entered the Senate in
19 January 1977, in the 15th Legislature representing District #6, Maoputasi County, which
20 comprises of Fagatogo, Utulei and Faga’alu; and

21 **WHEREAS**, he served for 19 years in the Senate before he was elected President on
22 February 1, 1996 serving consecutively for eight years; and

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1 **WHEREAS**, Honorable Senate President Lutu TS Fuimaono was the longest serving
2 Senator in the history of the American Samoa Legislature; and

3 **WHEREAS**, Honorable Senate President Lutu TS Fuimaono served as a Director
4 representing the American Samoa Legislature in the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures;
5 and

6 **WHEREAS**, Honorable Senate President Lutu TS Fuimaono served as Director in the
7 regional forum of lawmakers from the central Pacific known as APIL for nine terms, extending
8 from 1995-2004; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the member legislative assemblies of the Association of Pacific Island
10 Legislatures are now gathered in American Samoa for the 26th General Assembly Conference;
11 and

12 **WHEREAS**, the APIL member legislative assemblies now join together in the
13 homeland of the Honorable Lutu TS Fuimaono to pay tribute to the fond memory of a
14 very dear friend of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; now, therefore,

15 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the House of Representatives, Fifteenth
16 Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, that the House hereby pays tribute to the late
17 Honorable Senate President Lutu TS Fuimaono, an esteemed member of the APIL and a dear
18 friend of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

19 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
20 certify, and the House Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this Commemorative Resolution and
21 thereafter transmit certified copies to the family of the late Honorable Senate President Lutu TS
22 Fuimaono; the Honorable Benigno R. Fitial, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern
23 Mariana Islands; the Honorable Togiola T.A. Tulafono, Governor of American Samoa;
24 Honorable Lolo M. Moliga, Senate President of the Fono; the Honorable Savali Talavou Ale,
25 Speaker of the Fono; and the Honorable Sabino Sauchomal, APIL President.

Prefiled

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