

filed 17/5,6

130

4TH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE

FIFTH REGULAR SESSION

POL

RESOLUTION NO. 130 1975

INTRODUCED BY: HON. CARLOS A. SHODA, SAIPAN  
HON. J. M. GUERRERO, SAIPAN

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO RECOMMENDING N. NEIMAN  
CRALEY, JR. TO BE THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER OF THE  
MARIANAS DURING SEPARATE ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, with the signing of the Covenant to establish the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands on February 15, 1975 and the unanimous approval of the Covenant by the Mariana Islands District Legislature in Resolution No. 76-1975, a plebiscite will be held to give the people of the Mariana Islands District an opportunity to express their wishes to the separability of this Covenant; and

WHEREAS, if the people of the Mariana Islands District vote affirmatively to accept the Covenant to establish the Government of the Northern Mariana Islands, it has requested that a Secretarial Order be issued to establish separate administration of the Mariana Islands District from the remaining districts of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; and

WHEREAS, during separate administration, it is anticipated that the Resident Commissioner, who must be an American citizen, and an individual who has demonstrated his administrative capability and understanding of the needs, wishes, desires and aspirations of the people of the Mariana Islands; and

WHEREAS, N. Neiman Craley, Jr., a former member of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress, was, during his tenure in the U. S. Congress, a member of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee that gave him great exposure and insight into the problems affecting the

03-023348

2/25/75

Trust Territory; and

WHEREAS, <sup>SINCE</sup> ~~during the~~ past 1968, N. Neiman Craley, Jr. has been employed in the Trust Territory in various capacities and has principally been in charged of legislative affairs in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands which has given <sup>him</sup> ~~them~~ broad experience in understanding the many problems with which the people of the Trust Territory face; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Mariana Islands District Legislature that N. Neiman Craley, Jr. will be the best qualified person to serve as Resident Commissioner during the transition period of the Mariana Islands and would be able to coordinate preparations for the establishment of the Commonwealth government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the 4th Mariana Islands District Legislature, Fifth Regular Session, that N. Neiman Craley, Jr. be and he is hereby recommended to be the Resident Commissioner of the Marianas during separate administration;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President certify to and the Legislative Secretary attest the adoption hereof and thereafter transmit copies of the same to the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of the Department of State, the Chairman of the Senate and House Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs, United States Congress, the High Commissioner and the District Administrator.