

**39TH LEGISLATURE
1ST REGULAR SESSION**

**H.C.R. NO. 39-02
IN THE HOUSE**

12 February 2025

INTRODUCED BY: Rep. Luaitaua Gene Pan, D-5

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON:

SUBJECT:

CONDOLENCES- MRS. SALOGOTOFIGAOSAMOA "TOFIGA" AULAVA MUAU TUFELE.

SUMMARY:

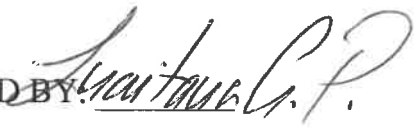
This concurrent resolution conveys the deepest condolences of the Legislature and the people of American Samoa to the Aulava, Muaau, and Tufele families on the recent passing of Mrs. Salogo Tofigaosamoa "Tofiga" Aulava Muaau Tufele, the first Second Lady of the Territory and a Samoan pioneer in nursing and the medical profession.

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“A HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONVEYING THE DEEPEST
CONDOLENCES OF THE AMERICAN SAMOA LEGISLATURE AND THE
PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA, TO THE AULAVA, MUAUU AND
TUFELE FAMILIES ON THE RECENT PASSING OF MRS. SALOGO
TOFIGAOSAMOA “TOFIGA” AULAVA MUAUU TUFELE, AND PAYS
TRIBUTE TO HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE MEDICAL PROFESSION
AND TO THE PEOPLE OF AMERICAN SAMOA.

WHEREAS, Tofigaosamoa “Tofiga” Aulava Muaau Tufele was born on November
16, 1942. She was the second child of 13 children born to High
Talking Chief Fiatauiaulava Muaau of Lauili and ToluselauTeihunga-
Aulava of Nanumanga, Tuvalu; and

WHEREAS, from a young age, Tofiga stood out as a highly intellectual and bright
girl. She began her education at the village pastor’s school. When she
was old enough, her parents enrolled her at Poyer Elementary School
where she excelled in her studies. It was when she attended the High
School of American Samoa where her interest in nursing peaked.
After graduating from high school, Tofiga attended the LBJ Medical
Center School of Nursing and the American Samoa Community
College Nursing School; and

WHEREAS, Tofiga’s illustrious career has been praised by nurses as the standard
of excellence for which they strive. After high school, Tofiga entered
the medical profession as a student nurse at the LBJ hospital. She

1 worked and completed her studies at the same time, working her way
2 to leadership positions at the hospital. She received her nursing
3 license and worked in the Operating Room. She became the Assistant
4 Nursing Director and was the Patient Care Coordinator; and
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6 WHEREAS, Tofiga moved to the Department of Health where she was the
7 Community Nurse Manager. She developed an outreach program
8 where nurses and doctors would visit patients at home to provide
9 medical services to those who were not ambulatory. Tofiga was also
10 instrumental in the mass community vaccination program. She is
11 often quoted saying, "If patients cannot come to be seen at the
12 hospital or the clinics, then it is our duty to go to them"; and
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14 WHEREAS, Tofiga was a founding member of the American Samoa Nurses
15 Association. She has advocated for nurses' rights and pay equity.
16 She used her position and influence to have the association recognized
17 by the government and push for higher standards in the licensing of
18 nurses. Tofiga was also a familiar face at nursing seminars and would
19 volunteer her time to help with the recruitment of local nurses. She
20 was one of the driving forces behind the American Samoa
21 Community College's Nursing Program which graduated two of her
22 daughters. She was vocal about the need to promote the nursing
23 profession to young women and men who wish to enter the medical
24 field; and
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26 WHEREAS, one of her many passions was the perpetuation of her culture. Tofiga
27 promoted the "Fa'asamoa" insisting that men and women should
28 maintain their roles and structure. She was firm in her convictions. In
29 her profession, she advocated for nurses to use their cultural

1 upbringing and to be kind, compassionate, and respectful when
2 treating patients. This sets them apart from nurses from other
3 countries; and
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6 WHEREAS, in 1978, while her career was taking root, Tofiga's husband,
7 Paramount Chief Tufele Li'amatua, Sr., was chosen by the people to
8 be the first elected Lieutenant Governor of American Samoa. Tofiga's
9 new calling as Second Lady put a strain on her time with her nursing
10 job. Her husband even suggested that she set aside her work to assist
11 with his new responsibilities. Tofiga insisted that nursing was one that
12 she had accomplished on her own and she assured him that she could
13 do both. With great success, Tofiga used her position to leverage the
14 promotion of nursing better healthcare for the people; and
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16 WHEREAS, a notable quality about Tofiga was her deep faith and active role in the
17 church. She grew up in the Congregational Christian Church of
18 American Samoa (CCCAS) in Laulii where she and Tufele became
19 deacons. They were also deacons with the CCCAS congregation in
20 Fitiuta where Tufele was a chief. After the passing of the Paramount
21 Chief, Tofiga continued her deaconship duties well into her 70's. She
22 was selected as an Elder Deaconess for the Manu'a District. A
23 position traditionally held by men. Tofiga was elected chairwoman of
24 the CCCAS Women's Fellowship association and was an active
25 member of the CCCAS Sisterhood Women's Fellowship (Au Uso).
26 Tofiga was also a founding member of the CCCAS School Board
27 Committee that established Kanana Fou Elementary School in 1989.
28 She was the President of the Young Women's Christian Association;
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WHEREAS, in 2020, Tofiga was bestowed the chief title of Salogo of the Aulava family in the village of Laulii. When High Chief Aulava Sauni passed away in 2016, Tofiga took on the role of caring and leading the family. She was outspoken and passionate about her position on matters, especially those that included her faith, family, and her profession; and

WHEREAS, her passion for nursing and insight into women’s struggles in a male-dominated society was evident in her interview with author and orator Fofu Sunia, “I dealt with disputes and power struggles in ranks, finding myself as the peacemaker to restore order in times of division. I believe in helping and teaching young nurses to tolerate negative situations. Nurses do well at helping people when they put honesty in their work, maintaining what I call “service attitude.”; and

WHEREAS, Tofiga was very private when it came to her family. She instilled in her children that paramount in everything was their faith. She stressed that God was the source of strength, patience, and wisdom and held daily family devotions to fortify her teachings. Tofiga honored the lessons of her parents cared for the village pastor, many of whom were brought to the village by the Aulava family. Her children have carried out these duties and have become active members in their village and church; and

WHEREAS, her children were very proud of Tofiga describing her through Proverbs 3: 18: “She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, and happy are all who retain her.” Salogo Tofigaosamoa “Tofiga” Aulava

1 Muaau Tufele passed away peacefully at Tripler Hospital on
2 December 27, 2024, surrounded by her loved ones. She is survived by
3 her 18 children, 20 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren; and
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6 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
7 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TERRITORY OF AMERICAN SAMOA, THE
8 SENATE CONCURRING:
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10 THAT, the Legislature of American Samoa, for itself and on behalf of the people of
11 the Territory of American Samoa, conveys its deepest sympathies to the Aulava,
12 Muaau and Tufele families on the passing of Salogo Tofigaosamoa “Tofiga” Aulava
13 Muaau Tufele and pays tribute for her dedicated service to the Medical Profession
14 and the people of American Samoa; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
17 the Honorable Savali Talavou Ale, or his authorized representative, is respectfully
18 requested to present this House Concurrent Resolution to the children of Mrs.
19 Salogo Tofigaosamoa “Tofiga” Aulava Muaau Tufele at an appropriate ceremony.
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NOFOA'IGA TOLUSEFULU-IVA
FONO TELE LONA MUAMUA

IMFMS NU. 39-2
I LE MAOTA SUI

12 FEPUARI 2025

FA'AULUFALEINA E: Faipule Luaitaua Gene Pan, Itumalo 5

TU'UINA ATU I LE KOMITI:

MATA'UPU:

FAAMAISEGA— SALOGO TOFIGAOSAMOA "TOFIGA" AULAVA MUAUU TUFELE

'OTO'OTOGA;

O lenei Iugafono malilie faatasi e molimoli atu ai faamaisega ma faamafanafanaga a le Fono Faitulafono ma tagata o Amerika Samoa i le paia o aiga faanoanoa sa Aulava, Muaau ma Tufele ona o le tuua o le malo i le Faletua ia Salogo Tofigaosamoa "Tofiga" Aulava Muaau Tufele; o le Uluai Faletua o se Lutena Kovana o le Teritori, o se tasi o uluai Tamaitai tausimai Samoa i le Falemai.

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4 “O LENEI IUGAFONO MALILIE FAATASI E MOLIMOLI ATU AI
5 FAAMAISEGA MA FAAMAFANAFANAGA A LE FONO FAITULAFONO
6 MA TAGATA O AMERIKA SAMOA I LE PAIA O AIGA FAANOANOA SA
7 AULAVA, MUAU MA TUFELE ONA O LE TUUA O LE MALO I LE
8 FALETUA IA SALOGO TOFIGAOSAMOA “TOFIGA” AULAVA MUAU
9 TUFELE MA AVATU AI FAAALOLOGA I LANA TAUTUA
10 FAATAMAITAI TAUSIMAI I TAGATA O AMERIKA SAMOA.”

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12 TALUAI, sa soifua mai le faletua ia Tofigaosamoa Aulava Muaau Tufele ia
13 Novema 16, 1942. O lona lua o se fanau e toasefulu ma le tolu a ona
14 matua, le tofa ia Fiatauiaulava Muaau o Lauili ma Toluselau
15 Teihunga-Aulava o Nanumanga, Tuvalu; ma

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17 TALUAI, i le soifua talavou o Tofiga, o se tamaitai e tulaga ese lona tomai
18 ma le malamalama. Sa amata ana aoga i le aoga faifeau seia oo
19 ina matua, ona resitala lea o ia e ona matua i le aoga tulaga lua a
20 Poyer ma sa manuia ana aoga. Sa ulufale atu i le Aoga Mauuluga
21 a Amerika Samoa, ma sa iloa lona naunau i le galuega faateine
22 tausimai. Ina ua maea faauu mai i le aoga mauuluga, sa ulufale atu
23 loa Tofiga i le Aoga Faatausimai i le Falemai LBJ faapea foi le
24 Kolisi i Amerika Samoa; ma

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26 TALUAI, sa iloga ona faa’amuia o tausima’i i le galuega a Tofiga ona o le
27 tulaga lelei lea o loo taumafai foi latou i ai. O le maea o lana aoga
28 mauuluga, sa ulufale atu loa e galue o se tausimai a’oga i le Falemai
29 LBJ. Sa galue ma maea ana aoga i lona taimi, galue ma agai atu i

1 le tulaga taitai i le Falemai. Sa maua lona laisene ma galue ai loa i le
2 Potu Tipitipi. Sa avea ma Faatonu Lagolago i Tamaitai Tausimai
3 ma ia vaaia le Tausia o Gasegase; ma

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5 TALUAI, sa siitia Tofiga i le Matagaluega o le Soifua Maloloina, ma avea ma
6 taitai o Tamaitai Tausimai i nuu. Sa ia amata se polokalama o le
7 aapa atu ina ia mafai ai e tamaitai tausimai ma fomai ona asiasi i
8 gasegase i o latou aiga ma tuu atu le auaunaga faafomai i e latou te
9 le mafai ona oo i le falemai. Sa lalamua foi Tofiga i le porokalama o
10 tuiipui. Sa masani lava ona ia saunoa faapea,, “ Afai e le mafai
11 ona sau le gasegase e vaai le fomai i le falemai poo le poto talavai, o
12 le tatou tiute o le o ia i latou”; ma

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14 TALUAI, o Tofiga o se totino faavae o le Faalapotopotoga Tausimai a
15 Amerika Samoa (ASNA). Sa ia fautua o aia o tausima’i ma totogi
16 talafeagai. Sa ia faaoga lona tulaga ma lona silafia o tagata e mafai
17 ai ona faailoa e le malo le faalapotopotoga ma una’ia ai se tulaga
18 maualuga atu i le laiseneina o teine tausimai. Sa masani ona vaaia o
19 ia semina a le ‘au tausimai ma e ofo foi lona taimi e fesoasoani ai i le
20 faafaigaluegaina o tausimai mai le lotoifale. O se tasi o malosi sat u
21 i tua o le Porokalama Faateine Tausimai a le Kolisi Tuufaatasi a
22 Amerika Samoa, sa faauu mai ai le to’alua o ona alo teine. Sa leo
23 lagona i le manaoga e una’ia le tomai faateine tausimai i alii ma
24 tamaitai talavou e fia ulufale atu i totonu o galuega ia; ma

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26 TALUAI, o se tasi o mea e tele sa fiafia i ai o le faaauuina o le aganuu. Sa ia
27 fautuaina ma una’ia le “Faasamoa” ma ia faatumau pea e alii ma
28 tamaitai a latou matafaioi ma sa mausali i ona talitonuga. Sa ia
29 fautua pea foi i le autausimai ina ia alolofa ma faaaloalo i le tausiga

1 o gasegase. O le mea lea e iloa ai le eseese o latou ma tausimai
2 mai isi atunuu; ma

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5 TALUAI, o le 1978, ao tau amata ona mauaa o lana galuega, sa faamanuiaina
6 lona alii, le Afioga ia Tufele Li'amatua, Sr., e avea ma uluai Kovana
7 Lutena e filifilia e le atunuu. Sa avea le tulaga fou lea o le Faletua o
8 le Kovana Lutena ma mea sa pei e faaluafesasi ai le galuega faateine
9 tausimai. Sa manatu lona alii e tuu ese mo se vaitaimi lana galuega
10 ae fesoasoani i ona tiute fou. Peitai sa finau pea Tofiga o le teine
11 tausimai o se galuega sa sailia e ia lava ma sa ia tali ai e mafai lava e
12 ia ona tauave mea e lua. Sa faaaoga e Tofiga lona tulaga fou lea e
13 mafai ona faaofi atu ai ma le una'ia atili o le auaunaga faatausima'i
14 mo le faaleleia atili o le tausiga o le soifumaloloina mo le lautele;
15 ma

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17 TALUAI, o se uiga sa iloa ai foi Tofiga, o le loloto o le faatuatua ma le tula'i
18 malosi i mea a le lotu. Sa soifua a'e i le EKFAS i Lauili lea na avea
19 ai la'ua ma Tufele ma ti'akono. Sa ti'akono foi la'ua i le EFKAS i
20 Fitiuta i le afioaga o le afioga ia Tufele. Ina ua tuumalo Tufele, sa
21 faaauau pea e Tofiga ona tiute faati'akono e oo lava i le silia i le 70
22 tausaga o lona soifua. Sa filifilia o ia e le Itumalo o Manu'a e fai ma
23 Tiakono Toea'ina – o se tofiga e masani ona umia e Tamatane. Sa
24 filifilia Tofiga e fai ma taitaitamaitai o le Au Uso a le EFKAS. O se
25 totino faavae o le Komiti Faafae o A'oga a le Ekalesia lea na latou
26 amataina le Aoga Tulagalua a Kanana Fou i le 1989. Sa Peresetene i
27 le Faalapotopotoga a Tamaitai Kerisiano Talavou; ma

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1 TALUAI, le tausaga 2020, sa faaee ai ia Tofiga le suafa matai o Salogo o le
2 aiga o Aulava mai le nuu o Laulii. Ina ua tuumalo le afioga ia
3 Aulava Ierupaala Sauni i le 2016, sa avea Tofiga ma taitai le tumau
4 o le aiga. O se tina e le fefe e tautala ae maise ai mataupu e aafia ai
5 le lotu, le aiga ma lana galuega; ma

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7 TALUAI, o lona naunau i le galuega faatausimai ma lana vaai i faafitauli a
8 tamaitai i se soifuaga e malosi tele le tulai mai o alii, sa iloa lelei lea
9 i le la talanoaga ma le alii tusitala le tofa ia Fofu Sunia, sa ia faapea
10 ai: “Sa ou feagai ma feeseeseaiga ma le finau mo le pule, ma ou tu i
11 le va e faafilemu ma toe faafoisia le nofo lelei i taimi o
12 fevaevaea’ga. Ou te talitonu i le fesoasoani ma le aoaoina o tausimai
13 laiti ina ia o latou mafai ona onosa’ia faafitauli e tulai mai. E lelei le
14 au tausimai i le fesoasoani i tagata pe a tuu le faamaoni i le latou
15 galuega, ma ia tausia pea le mea ou te faaigoaina o le “agaga o le
16 auauna.”; ma

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18 TALUAI, o se tagata sa teuloto ia te ia mea a lona aiga. Sa ia a’oa’o le fanau o
19 le mea silisili i mea uma o lo latou faatuatua/lotu. Sa ia a’oa’o o le
20 Atua o le pule o le malosi, le onosa’i ma le poto ma sa faia lotu i le
21 aiga i aso taitasi e faamalosia atili ai ana a’oa’oga. Sa teu pea e
22 Tofiga ma faaaloalo i lesona sa a’oa’o e ona tua’a ina ia tausi le
23 faife’au, o le toatele o latou sa avatu lava i le nuu e le aiga o Aulava.
24 O loo tausia pea lava e le fanau tiute uma ia ma ua faapea foi ona
25 lalamua latou i mea fai a le nuu ma le ekalesia; ma

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27 TALUAI, o saafiafiga a le nofoaalo mo si o latou tina, Tofiga o loo ta’uai le
28 Faataoto 3:18 “O ia o le laau o le ola i ē tago atu iā te ia, e fiafia fo’i
29 i latou uma o ē taofi iā te ia”. O Salogo Tofigaosamoa “Tofiga”

1 Aulava Muaau Tufele na maliu filemu ia Tesema 27, 2024 a'o
2 siomia e ona aiga pele. O loo soifua pea ona alo e 18, fanau o lana
3 fanau e 20, ma lona tolu o tupulaga e to'a fa; ma
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5 O LENEI, O LE MEA LEA, IA FA'AI'UGAFONOINA AI E LE MAOTA SUI O
6 LE FONOFAITULAFONO, MALILIE FAATASI I AI MA LE MAOTA
7 MAUALUGA:
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9 E FAAPEA, e momoli atu faamaisega a le Fonofaitulafono o Amerika Samoa, ma
10 fai ai foi le Fono ma sui o le Teritori o Amerika Samoa, i le paia o aiga faanoanoa
11 sa Aulava, Muaau ma Tufele ona o le tuua o le malo e le afioga ia Salogo
12 Tofigaosamoa Aulava Muaau Tufele, ma faaoo atu ai fa'aaloaloga maualuga mo
13 lana tautua matavela mo lona aiga, le nuu ma tagata o Amerika Samoa; ma
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15 IA TOE FA'AI'UGAFONOINA FO'I, e faapea e talosagaina ma le fa'aaloalo le
16 Fofoga Fetalai o le Maota o Sui, le Afioga ia Savali Talavou Ale, poo sona sui
17 faatagaina, na te tauaao atu lenei Iugafono malilie faatasi a le Maota o Sui i alo o
18 le afioga ia Salogo Tofigaosamoa "Tofiga" Aulava Muaau Tufele i se sauniga
19 talafeagai.
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