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MEDIA STATEMENT

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Senator Shawn Gumataotao issues the following statement on the death of CNMI Governor Arnold I. Palacios:

“I am truly saddened by the news of the death of my friend and CNMI Governor Arnold I. Palacios. I extend my condolences to First Lady Wela and their family, Lieutenant Governor David Apatang and to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

Before I was elected Senator, I had the privilege to work with Governor Palacios and his administration in support of Center for Homeland Defense and Security Programs in both Hawaii and Saipan.

He was such a good person and a great leader of Micronesia. Governor Palacios will be missed.”

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