

Presidential Proclamation No. 11-54

Expressing Condolences to the Widow and Family of Samuel Butelbai

On behalf of the Government and the People of the Republic of Palau, especially the generations of Palauan baseball players, athletes, and fans, I pay tribute to the late Samuel Butelbai and extend my deepest condolences to his widow and family.

Samuel Butelbai was one of the brightest stars in the Palauan world of sports. His pitching prowess brought excitement and happiness to the people of *Despedall*, where he hailed from. He was a key player on *Ngarachelchil*, the team from the States of Ngiwal, Melekeok and Ngchesar and helped take the team to several championships in Palau.

Samuel Butelbai was one of the outstanding pitchers on the Palau All Stars team that swept its series against the Guam All Stars in 1962 by scores of 9 to 7 and 9 to 2.

Samuel Butelbai also was one of the pitchers for the Palau All Stars team when they played in Pohnpei in 1963 and won 2 out of a 3-game series.

Samuel Butelbai also participated in the javelin, shot put and discus competitions during the First Micronesian Olympics in 1969.

On behalf of a grateful nation, I offer the Palau flag to the widow of Mr. Samuel Butelbai, Ms. Youlsau Samuel Butelbai, as a token of our recognition of the contributions of Samuel Butelbai to Palau in the field of sports and to express our condolences and sympathies to his wife, family and friends.

SO PROCLAIMED this 16th day of November, 2011, at the Republic of Palau.

/s/

Johnson Toribiong
President
Republic of Palau