STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20-79

RE: C.R. NO. 20-122/H&SA

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. ALBERT FALCAM

SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Twentieth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Fourth Regular Session, 2018

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs to which was
referred C.R. No. 20-122, entitled:

> "A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. ALBERT
> FALCAM TO SERVE ON THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
> SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, REPRESENTING THE
> NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.",

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of this resolution are expressed in
its title.

Your Committee held a hearing on September 19, 2018, the
witnesses present included: the nominee, Mr. Albert Falcam,
a representative from the FSM Social Security
Administration, representatives from the FSM Social
Security Administration Board of Directors, and the
President's Chief of Staff.

Your Committee recognizes the importance of having a strong
and efficient Board of Directors for the FSM Social
Security Administration. Also, it recognizes it is
important to have a diverse membership on the Board in

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order to fully represent all stakeholders in the social
security system. Members of the Board should have a
diversity of skills and represent the diversity of our
island Nation.

The nominee, Mr. Falcam, has served in various government
positions since 1972. Most significantly, he served as the
Post Master for Pohnpei from 1987-2010. He served his
state with distinction in all of his positions, and is very
well regarded in the community.

The nominee stated that he is interested in serving on the
Board of Directors for the FSM Social Security
Administration. He recently resigned his position as part-
time Justice for the U Municipal Court as he did not want
any conflict regarding his possible nomination. The
nominee also stated that he believed he had more than
enough time to devote to service on the Board should he be
confirmed.

The representative from the FSM Social Security
Administration advised your Committee that the nominee has
the Administration's full support   It was noted that this
nominee has worked with the FSM Social Security
Administration as a government employee and is very
familiar with all aspects of the contributions and benefits
process. He is also a retiree, and a social security
benefits recipient and brings that perspective to the
Board. The representative of the FSM Social Security Board
of Directors was also in support of this nominee, and
praised his many professional accomplishments.

The Chief of Staff of the President stated that the
President communicated his full support of the nominee and
his confidence that the nominee would execute his duties to
the highest standards.

The Committee was impressed with the nominee's responses
during the hearing and his qualifications. In light of the

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positive endorsements by the witnesses, and lack of any negative comment regarding this individual, your Committee requests that this nominee be confirmed as a member of the Board of Directors of the FSM Social Security Administration, representing the National Government, at the earliest possible convenience so the Board may utilize his talents to move forward with its important work.

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 20-122, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ferny S. Perman
Ferny S. Perman, chairman   Alik L. Alik, vice chairman

/s/ Tiwiter Aritos   /s/ Florencio S. Harper
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/s/ David W. Panuelo   /s/ Joseph J. Urusemal
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/s/ Derensio S. Konman
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