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A BILL FOR AN ACT

Forming and admitting a new State to the Federated States of Micronesia, the State of the Mortlocks, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

1           Section 1. Creation of the new State of the Mortlocks.

2 There is hereby created within the Federated States of Micronesia  
3 a new State, which shall be known henceforth as the State of the  
4 Mortlocks, comprising the Upper Mortlock Islands, the Mid-  
5 Mortlock Islands, and the Lower Mortlock Islands, currently in  
6 the State of Chuuk.

7           Section 2. Admission of the Mortlocks as a State. Upon the  
8 effective date of this act, the Mortlocks shall be admitted as a  
9 member State of the Federated States of Micronesia, with the same  
10 rights and privileges, and subject to the same duties and  
11 obligations, as the other member States, as provided for in  
12 article I, section 4 of the Constitution of the Federated States  
13 of Micronesia.

14           Section 3. Establishment of marine boundaries. Prior  
15 to the creation and admission of the Mortlocks as a new  
16 State, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia  
17 shall enact a statute establishing marine boundaries between  
18 the State of Chuuk, the State of the Mortlocks, and other  
19 adjacent States, by applying the principle of equidistance.  
20 State boundaries shall become official upon consent of the  
21 state legislature of each respective State concerned.

22           Section 4. Prospective effective date. This act shall  
23 take effect January 1, 2002.

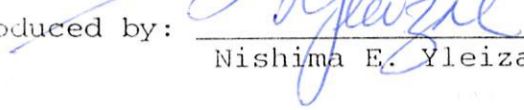
24           Section 5. Effective date. This act shall become law  
25 upon approval by the President of the Federated States of

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1 Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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4 Date: May 16, 1997 Introduced by:   
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