A BILL FOR AN ACT

To appropriate the sum of $14,500, from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, for the purpose of funding State and National competitions in translating the National Anthem, developing uniquely FSM recipes, and in selecting an official national attire, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Purpose. To enhance the nation-building efforts that are in place, it is the sense of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia that there is a continuing need to provide the people with opportunities to identify with symbols of our union in this federation. The translation of our National Anthem into at least the four main languages and possibly all the other languages and dialects would give our people a better sense of ownership and identification with our National Anthem. Likewise, the compilation and development of a book of recipes that are unique to our diverse islands would also give our own people as well as visitors a delightful and handy guide to the special cuisine that Micronesia has to offer. Finally, it is consistent with international practice for the FSM to identify its own national attire. The suit and tie is currently our national attire of choice, but there is a need to reevaluate this issue and to consider the possibility of selecting a national attire that better reflects our customary and climatic situation. In consideration of all of the above, it is hereby decided that various State and National competitions be held to: (1) translate the National Anthem into at least the four main languages (Yapese, Chuukese, Pohnpeian, Kosraean); (2) select the best recipes from each State that uniquely reflect the cuisine of the States, for compilation into a book of FSM recipes; and (3) select a FSM national attire for use by FSM National Government officials at
national and international functions.

Section 2. The sum of $14,500, or so much thereof as may
be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of
the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending
September 30, 1998, for the purpose of funding the various
competitions specified in Section 1. This amount is to be
allocated as follows:

(1) National Anthem translation
competitions..................$ 2,000
(2) Local recipe competitions........... 10,000
(3) National attire selection competition... 2,500

Section 3. All funds appropriated by this act shall be
allotted, managed, administered, and accounted for in
accordance with applicable law, including, but not limited to,
the Financial Management Act of 1979. The allottee of the
funds appropriated under the Section 2 of this act shall be the
President of the Federated States of Micronesia. The allottee
shall be responsible for ensuring that these funds, or so much
thereof as may be necessary, are used solely for the purpose
specified in this act, and that no obligations are incurred in
excess of the sum appropriated. The authority of the allottee
to obligate funds appropriated by this act shall lapse as
Section 4. This act shall become law upon approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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Introduced by: Joseph J. Urusemal
(by request)