A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend title 3 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by amending sections 301 and 303, to modify when a Member of Congress's eligibility for compensation ends and to provide a death benefit for the survivors of a deceased member, and for other purposes.

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

1  Section 1. Section 301 of title 3 of the Code of the Federated
2  States of Micronesia is hereby amended to read as follows:
3    "Section 301. Compensation levels.
4    Upon the presentation of credentials and qualification
5    thereof, a Member of the Congress of the Federated States of
6    Micronesia shall be entitled to receive compensation at the
7    rate of $27,000 per annum as of the date his term of office
8    begins and shall remain eligible therefor until the Member's
9    term expires or [until a vacancy has been declared in his or
10   her office] he or she has been elected to the office of
11   President or Vice President of the Federated States of
12   Micronesia, has died, has come under judgment of mental
13   incompetency or insanity, or has resigned or been expelled
14   from Congress. The Speaker, upon his election as the
15   Speaker, shall be entitled to receive compensation at the
16   rate of $30,000 per annum and shall remain eligible therefor
17   [until a new Speaker assumes the office or until a vacancy in
18   the Office of the Speaker has been declared] as long as he or
she holds office as the Speaker. A Member appointed or
elected to fill a vacancy in the Congress shall be entitled
to receive compensation upon taking the oath of office as a
Member of the Congress. The official expense allowance shall
not exceed $3,000."

Section 2. Section 303 of title 3 of the Code of the Federated
States of Micronesia is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 303. Sums owing to deceased Congress Member; Death
Benefit.

(1) The surviving spouse of a Member of the Congress who
dies in office shall be entitled to receive the balance of
any sums owing to such Member at the time of his death, plus
the lesser of

(a) an amount equal to eight weeks of the Member's
salary; or

(b) the salary from the date of the Member's death to
the expiration of his or her term.

(2) If no surviving spouse exists, the deceased [m]Member's
heirs or next of kin shall receive this amount."

Section 3. The death benefit provided under this act shall not be
deemed an increase in compensation for purposes of section 302 of
title 3 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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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Date: ___________  Introduced by: __________________________

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