A RESOLUTION

Ratifying the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean.

WHEREAS, the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean ("the Convention") was adopted on September 4, 2000, at the seventh session of the Multilateral High-Level Conference on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean; and

WHEREAS, under the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, coastal States and States fishing in the region shall cooperate with a view to ensuring conservation and promoting the objective of optimum utilization of highly migratory fish stocks throughout their range; and

WHEREAS, the Convention is of great importance for ensuring the long-term conservation and sustainable use, in particular for human food consumption, of highly migratory fish stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean for present and future generations in accordance with the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 34 of the Convention, the Convention was open for signature by certain States until September 5, 2001, subject to ratification by the signatories; and

WHEREAS, the Convention was signed by the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs on behalf of the President of the
Federated States of Micronesia on September 5, 2000; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Twelfth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 2002, that the Congress hereby ratifies the Convention;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Secretary of the Department of Economic Affairs, the Governor of each State and the Government of New Zealand as the depositary of the Convention.

Date: ______________  Introduced by: ____________________

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(by request)