A RESOLUTION

Expressing gratitude and appreciation to the leaders and representatives of the Micronesians United of Hawaii, the Island Tenants on the Rise, and the United Church of Christ who visited the Federated States of Micronesia in an effort to solicit help and support to further their efforts to assist FSM citizens living in the United States.

WHEREAS, the Micronesians United of Hawaii, the Island Tenants on the Rise and the United Church of Christ have, over the years, provided a great deal of help, support and assistance to many citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia who are living in the United States; and

WHEREAS, some of the leaders and representatives of the Micronesians United of Hawaii, the Island Tenants on the Rise, and the United Church of Christ visited the Federated States of Micronesia during the Second Special Session of the Twelfth Congress; and

WHEREAS, these leaders and representatives include the Reverend Ron Fujiyoshi of the United Church of Christ, Ms. Monique Ocampo, President of the Island Tenants on the Rise, Ms. Traci Konrat, Outreach Worker at the Kokua Kalihi Valley Clinic, and Mr. Benito Muritok, Ms. Meriko Route, Ms. Maria Narruhn, Mr. Peterson Santos, Ahm Sepety, the Reverend Ranet John and Mr. Bruno Lat of Micronesians United of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, these leaders and representatives met with Members of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Vice President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the staff and
members of the Joint Committee on Compact Economic Negotiations, the Department of Foreign Affairs, and other appropriate leaders and entities of the FSM National Government; and

WHEREAS, these meetings were held to solicit help and support to further the efforts of these non-governmental organizations, the United Church of Christ, and the many other supporting organizations to assist the many FSM citizens living in the United States; and

WHEREAS, many of these leaders and representatives traveled to the Federated States of Micronesia at their own expense to also share some of their own personal stories and concerns over issues involved in obtaining or reinstituting benefits, such as free legal aid, housing assistance, food stamps and health insurance, among others; and

WHEREAS, the Micronesians United of Hawaii, the Island Tenants on the Rise, the United Church of Christ, and many other non-governmental organizations often provide an influential voice on behalf of FSM citizens who seek these benefits and a better life in Hawaii and elsewhere in the United States; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Twelfth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 2002, that the Congress expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation for the visit and assistance rendered by the Micronesians United of Hawaii, the Island Tenants on the Rise, the United Church of Christ, and the many other non-governmental organizations which assist FSM citizens living in Hawaii and elsewhere in the United
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the President and representatives of the Micronesians United of Hawaii who traveled to the Federated States of Micronesia, Ms. Monique Ocampo, President of the Island Tenants on the Rise and the Reverend Ronald Fujiyoshi of the United Church of Christ.

Date: ____________ Introduced by: __________________________

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