RESOLUTION

Urging the President to appoint an honorary counsel to represent the interests of the Federated States of Micronesia in Europe.

- 1 WHEREAS, the European Union comprises 25 countries and is an
- 2 important economic power in the world; and
- 3 WHEREAS, the European Union has demonstrated an interest in
- 4 forming partnerships with Pacific Island countries through
- 5 entering into the Cotonou Agreement with the African, Caribbean,
- 6 Pacific Group of States and other actions; and
- WHEREAS, individual European nations have shown an interest
- 8 in furthering relationships with the FSM through ambassadorial
- 9 visits and other actions; and
- 10 WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Federated States
- 11 of Micronesia to fully explore opportunities for partnerships and
- 12 relationships with European nations; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the appointment by the FSM of an honorary counsel
- 14 who is resident in Europe could greatly enhance the ability of the
- 15 FSM to strengthen ties with the European Union and its member
- 16 nations; now, therefore,
- 17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Thirteenth Congress of the Federated
- 18 States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 2004, that the
- 19 President of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby urged to
- 20 appoint an honorary counsel to represent the interests of the FSM
- 21 in Europe, under the supervision of the Secretary of the
- 22 Department of Foreign Affairs;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
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 2 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
 3 of Micronesia, and the Governor of each State.
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 5 Date: <u>10/26/04</u>
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