## A RESOLUTION

Expressing and extending the sympathy and condolences of the people and the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to the Prime Minister of Japan and the people of Japan at this time of their tragedy and loss resulting from the Saturday, October 23, 2004 earthquake, and typhoon Tokage.

- 1 WHEREAS, on Saturday, October 23, 2004, an earthquake
- 2 centered near Niigata, Japan killed 25 people, left 2,000 people
- 3 injured and prompted the evacuation of thousands of homes; and
- WHEREAS, on Tuesday to Wednesday, October 19-20, 2004,
- 5 typhoon Tokage struck southern Japan killing 83 people, causing
- 6 deadly mudslides, demolishing homes, flooding large areas in
- 7 western Japan and prompting the evacuation of thousands of homes;
- 8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, many other Japanese were missing, greatly
- 10 frightened, and suffered the loss of families and loved ones; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the two natural disasters brought heavy rain and
- 12 strong winds that disrupted traffic, forced public schools to
- 13 close, left thousands of households without electricity; now,
- 14 therefore,
- 15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Thirteenth Congress of the Federated
- 16 States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 2004, that the
- 17 Congress of Federated States of Micronesia, on behalf of itself
- 18 and the people of the FSM, expresses its deepest sympathy and
- 19 offers its heartfelt condolences to the people of Japan and to the
- 20 families and friends of the many people lost or injured during

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1 these natural disasters;
          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress sends its thoughts
   and prayers to all of those innocent victims and their families
 4 and loved ones, who have suffered such great losses and tragedy at
 5 the hand of mother nature;
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          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the collective sympathies of the
   people of the Federated States of Micronesia go out to the people
 8 of Japan, and in particular to those individuals and families who
 9 have suffered losses of loved ones as a result of these natural
10 disasters;
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          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
   resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
13 of Micronesia and the Prime Minister of Japan and the Japanese
14 Embassy to the Federated States of Micronesia.
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16 Date: <u>11/02/04</u>
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