A RESOLUTION

Requesting the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority to mandate that fishing vessels licensed to fish in the FSM fishery waters off-load their catch in FSM ports.

WHEREAS, the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA) is currently responsible for monitoring and regulating activities of vessels fishing in the fishery waters of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, NORMA is responsible for negotiating fishing agreements with parties interested in fishing in the FSM fishing waters; and

WHEREAS, currently, fishing vessels licensed to fish in the FSM fishery waters are not required to off-load their catch in FSM ports; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Thirteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 2004, that the Congress hereby urges the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority to require, as a term of any fishing agreement with respect to FSM fishery waters, that all fish caught in such waters be off-loaded in FSM ports;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
resolution be transmitted to the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the National Fisheries Corporation, and the Governor of each FSM State.

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