RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, the European Union comprises 25 countries and is an important economic power in the world; and

WHEREAS, the European Union has demonstrated an interest in forming partnerships with Pacific Island countries through entering into the Cotonou Agreement with the African, Caribbean, Pacific Group of States and other actions; and

WHEREAS, individual European nations have shown an interest in furthering relationships with the FSM through ambassadorial visits and other actions; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Federated States of Micronesia to fully explore opportunities for partnerships and relationships with European nations; and

WHEREAS, the appointment by the FSM of an honorary counsel who is resident in Europe could greatly enhance the ability of the FSM to strengthen ties with the European Union and its member nations; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Thirteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 2004, that the President of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby urged to appoint an honorary counsel to represent the interests of the FSM in Europe, under the supervision of the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Governor of each State.

Date: 10/26/04

Introduced by: /s/ Alik Alik

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