A RESOLUTION
Expressing the sincere appreciation of the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia to the former Regional Maritime Legal Advisor for the Regional Maritime Programme of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Captain Dr. Peter Heathcote, for his assistance and support in the promulgation of various FSM Maritime Regulations and the drafting of the National Maritime Act of 1997.

WHEREAS, on October 1993, Dr. Peter Heathcote joined the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) as a Regional Maritime Legal Advisor for the Regional Maritime Programme; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Heathcote left the Regional Maritime Programme of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community in August 2004; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the Regional Maritime Programme, he was very instrumental in assisting the FSM Department of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure and the FSM Department of Justice in the drafting of the current National Maritime Act of 1997; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Heathcote willingly rendered his service to the FSM Department of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure and the FSM Department of Justice in the promulgation of the FSM Standard of Training, Certification and Watch-keeping for Seafarers (STCW) Regulations, the Vessel Registration Regulations, the Tonnage Measurement Regulations, the Prevention of Collisions at Sea Regulations, the Seafarer Welfare Regulations, the Fishing Vessels Safety Regulations, the Small Vessel Regulations, the Pleasure Craft Regulations, the Pilotage Regulations, the
Preliminary Investigation Regulations, the Marine Inquiry Regulations and the Maritime Security Regulations; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Peter Heathcote contributed to the development of the Maritime Security Plans and Assessments in the four states of the Federated States of Micronesia; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Thirteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 2004, that the Congress hereby expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Dr. Peter Heathcote for his services to and support of maritime programs in the Federated States of Micronesia;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, and to Captain, Dr. Peter Heathcote.

ADOPTED: November 10, 2004

Peter M. Christian
Speaker
FSM Congress

Introduced by: /s/ Moses A. Nelson
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