A RESOLUTION

Expressing the heartfelt condolences of the Thirteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to the victims of the December 26, 2004, earthquake and tsunami.

WHEREAS, a magnitude 9.0 earthquake occurred in the Indian Ocean north of the island of Sumatra at 12:59 GMT, December 26, 2004; and
WHEREAS, the earthquake caused widespread loss of life and property in nearby areas of Indonesia; and
WHEREAS, the earthquake generated catastrophic tsunamis that hit the coastal areas of Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, India, Maldives, Malaysia and other nations throughout Asia and Africa; and
WHEREAS, as a result of the disaster an estimated 226,000 persons have died with many more missing and feared dead, thousands have been injured, millions have been made homeless, and there has been untold and unprecedented property damage; and
WHEREAS, the Secretary-General of the United Nations has stated that "what happened on 26 December 2004 was an unprecedented, global catastrophe. It requires a global, unprecedented response."; and
WHEREAS, many of the affected nations and peoples enjoy warm and close relations with the Federated States of Micronesia; now, therefore,
BE IT RESOLVED by the Thirteenth Congress of the Federated
States of Micronesia, Fifth Regular Session, 2005, that the Congress expresses its profound sympathy to the Governments and peoples of Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, India, Maldives and Malaysia over the loss of life, livelihoods and property from the disaster;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress encourages continued efforts by the Government and people of the Federated States of Micronesia to assist in any way possible in the disaster recovery effort;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress urges the people of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide solace to victims of the disaster and keep the plight of those affected by the disaster in their thoughts and prayers;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia and to representatives of the Governments concerned through the Department of Foreign Affairs and its relevant overseas missions.

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