

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing Mr. Mau Piailug of the Island of Satawal in the State of Yap for his accomplishments in traditional navigation.

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Mau Piailug of the Island of Satawal in the
2 State of Yap is a traditional navigator who has been instrumental
3 in resurrecting traditional navigation skills for the peoples of
4 the Pacific; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Mau Piailug was the first navigator of the
6 Hawaiian sailing vessel, Hokule'a, which he guided 2,300 miles to
7 Tahiti in 1976, the first completed voyage without navigational
8 instruments in over 600 years on an ancestral Pacific sea route;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the success of Mr. Mau Piailug's navigation to
11 Tahiti helped to spark pride in the Pacific cultures and a
12 renaissance of voyaging, canoe building and non-instrument
13 navigation that has continued to grow, spreading across the
14 Pacific and reaching the far corners of Aotearoa and Rapa Nui; and

15 WHEREAS, key to this renaissance was Mr. Mau Piailug's
16 decision to teach people outside of Micronesia traditional
17 navigation so they themselves could then navigate; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Mau Piailug had been chosen by his grandfather
19 to be a navigator at the age of one, to ensure the continuation of
20 a long unbroken line of ancestral navigators; and

1 WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
2 congratulates Mr. Mau Piailug for his inspiring accomplishments,
3 now, therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourteenth Congress of the Federated
5 States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2007, that the
6 Congress hereby expresses its recognition and appreciation to Mr.
7 Mau Piailug for his accomplishments;

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
9 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
10 of Micronesia, the Governor of Yap, the Speaker of Yap Legislature
11 and Mr. Mau Piailug.

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13 Date: 1/12/07

Introduced by: /s/ Isaac V. Figir

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