

A RESOLUTION

Calling on the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to ensure that all FSM States have access to fiber optic communications cable links.

1 WHEREAS, the FSM, jointly with the Governments of the United
2 States and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, has embarked on a
3 project to bring fiber optic communications cable links to the FSM
4 from Guam and Kwajalein by 2007; and

5 WHEREAS, current plans call only for a branch cable link to
6 Pohnpei State; and

7 WHEREAS, improved communications, particularly high speed
8 Internet, resulting from the cable link could address pressing
9 communications deficiencies in all four states and provide a
10 positive stimulus to the growth of the private sector nation-
11 wide; and

12 WHEREAS, the other three FSM states would and should benefit
13 from branch cable links; now, therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourteenth Congress of the Federated
15 States of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 2006, that the
16 Congress hereby requests the President to direct the Secretary of
17 Transportation, Communications and Infrastructure, the Secretary
18 of Foreign Affairs and the Director of the Office of Compact
19 Management to work with the FSM Telecommunications Corporation, US
20 Army, and others involved in the project to ensure that, to the

1 extent possible, the communications needs of all FSM states be
2 addressed through the project;

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress requests the President
4 of the Federated States of Micronesia to make funding for fiber
5 optic cable link to Chuuk, Kosrae and Yap in the same manner as
6 Pohnpei a high priority in the context of annual Compact
7 infrastructure grant requests;

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 each State, the Secretary of
11 Transportation, Communications and Infrastructure, the Secretary
12 of Foreign Affairs, the Director of the Office of Compact
13 Management, the Chairman of the Board and the General Manager of
14 the FSM Telecommunications Corporation and the United States
15 Embassy in Kolonia.

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17 Date: 3/1/06

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