A RESOLUTION

Expressing the gratitude of the Federated States of Micronesia to Mr. Al Gore, former Vice President of the United States of America, for his continuing efforts to heighten international awareness of the emerging crisis due to global warming and climate change.

1. WHEREAS, scientific studies and reports for decades have underscored that global warming is a present and growing phenomenon throughout the world; and,

2. WHEREAS, the United Nations’ Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and numerous other scientific and research organizations have linked an increased level of climate disturbances—notably, rapid sea level rise—throughout the world to global warming; and

3. WHEREAS, rapid sea level rise has been identified by the IPCC and scientific studies as particularly dangerous for islands, especially those with low-lying coastal areas, since the homes and inhabitants of such islands are in danger of disappearing under water within the next fifty to a hundred years; and

4. WHEREAS, scientific studies have established a convincing link between global warming and unabated carbon dioxide emissions into the Earth’s atmosphere from human activity; and,

5. WHEREAS, for many years the warnings and predictions of renowned scientists and researchers throughout the world have been rejected, gone unnoticed or have been dismissed as inconvenient threats to personal comfort and lifestyle by citizens and
political leaders alike; and,

WHEREAS, the failure of world leaders to reach consensus on issues relating to global warming and the need for action to halt or slow human contribution to that phenomenon was made possible by widespread ignorance and indifference; and

WHEREAS, former Senator and Vice President of the United States, Al Gore, has courageously undertaken as a personal mission the enlightenment and education of citizens and world leaders alike concerning issues such as global warming, climate change, carbon dioxide emissions, ozone depletion and sea level rise and the emerging crisis faced by mankind as a result thereof; and,

WHEREAS, in recent years, Mr. Gore’s global advocacy campaign has reached tens of thousands of citizens around the world through his individual appearances; reached many millions more through his book “An Inconvenient Truth” and the record breaking and Oscar winning documentary film of the same name; and most recently, reached billions through the “Live Earth” concert series; and,

WHEREAS, the efforts of Mr. Gore have been instrumental in bringing the immediate nature of the crisis to the forefront of human consciousness and in doing so, stimulating international discussion and cooperation toward a meaningful response to such crisis; and,

WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia is a collection of 607 small islands in the Western Pacific, with a total land area of 270 square miles surrounded by more than one
WHEREAS, almost all of the 607 small islands in the Federated States of Micronesia have low-lying coastal areas and extensive marine ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the islands of the Federated States of Micronesia, as well as the inhabitants of said islands, stand to be disproportionately affected by the rapid sea level rise precipitated by global warming; and

WHEREAS, many of the low lying islands of Micronesia have already begun to experience the effects of rising sea levels in the form of erosion to their shorelines and damage or destruction to taro fields that have provided a food source and a livelihood to the inhabitants of such islands for generations; and

WHEREAS, the Congress and the people of the Federated States of Micronesia wish to recognize and express their appreciation for the efforts of Mr. Al Gore in heightening the awareness of the citizens and leaders of the world about the imminent threat of global warming; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Fifteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, that Mr. Al Gore be commended for his environmental advocacy and bestowed the deep gratitude and appreciation of the citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, especially those who are residents of low-lying islands; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Mr. Al Gore, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Governor of each State.

Date: 7/14/07

Introduced by: /s/ Moses A. Nelson

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