A RESOLUTION

Ratify the Treaty between the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau concerning Maritime Boundaries and Cooperation on Related matters.

WHEREAS, the jurisdiction over certain territory and waters of the Federated States of Micronesia is set forth in Article I of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia and further elaborated upon in Title 18 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, including assertion of an exclusive economic zone extending for 200 miles outward from baselines;

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia permits limitations of jurisdiction over waters pursuant to international treaty obligations;

WHEREAS, the exclusive economic zones of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau are overlapping in some areas;

WHEREAS, the international practice in this circumstance is to negotiate a treaty establishing the boundaries of each nation’s waters;

WHEREAS, the Treaty between the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau concerning Maritime Boundaries and Cooperation on Related matters establishes a line of delimitation between the exclusive zones and the continental shelves over which each nation respectively exercises sovereign right;
WHEREAS, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau have signed the Treaty between the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau concerning Maritime Boundaries and Cooperation on Related matters;

WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia has not yet ratified the Treaty between the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau concerning Maritime Boundaries and Cooperation on Related matters and now desires to do so; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Fifteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 2007, that the Congress hereby ratifies the Treaty between the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau, on behalf of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Date: 9/03/07

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(by request)