A RESOLUTION

Recognizing the continuing accomplishments of Mr. Manuel Miningfel of the State of Yap for his on-going success in the international sport of weightlifting.

WHEREAS, Mr. Manuel Miningfel is a weightlifter from the State of Yap in the Federated States of Micronesia who has previously won many gold medals in his weight division, including the 2002 Micronesian Games in Pohnpei, the 2003 Oceania Weightlifting Championships in Tonga, the 2003 South Pacific Games in Fiji and the 2004 Oceania Weightlifting Championships in Fiji; and

WHEREAS, in 2004 Mr. Manuel Miningfel achieved the number one ranking for weightlifters in all weight divisions in the entire Pacific region, including Australia and New Zealand; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of an international ranking in the top ten weightlifters in his weight class in 2004, Mr. Miningfel became the first athlete ever from the Federated States of Micronesia to qualify for an Olympic Games on individual merit and did later compete in the 2004 Athens Olympic Games as a representative of his country; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Manuel Miningfel has since that time continued the pursuit of excellence in his sport as a resident weightlifter at the Oceania Weightlifting Institute in Apia, Samoa where he holds an International Olympic Committee scholarship; and,
WHEREAS, in October, 2006, Mr. Miningfel competed at the World Weightlifting Championships in Santo Domingo where he became the first ever athlete from the Federated States of Micronesia to win a medal at a World Championship by winning the silver medal in the “Clean and Jerk Section” in the 62KG category with a lift of 165KG; and,

WHEREAS, by virtue of his silver medal at the World Championships, an Olympic Qualification event, Mr. Miningfel has automatically qualified for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games and has also become the highest internationally ranked weightlifter ever from the Oceania region, and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Miningfel has most recently has further distinguished himself in his sport by setting a new South Pacific Games record snatch in the men’s 56kg category with a lift of a total weight of 276kg, such record being a first for the Federated States of Micronesia and rated as top 6th in the world, and,

WHEREAS, the continuing accomplishments of Mr. Manuel Miningfel in the international sport of weightlifting not only bring great recognition and honor to him, but are also a great source of pride and inspiration to all of the people of the Federated States of Micronesia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fifteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2007, that the Congress hereby expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Manuel Miningfel for his achievements in regional,
international and Olympic weightlifting competition, a source of
great pride and inspiration to the people of the Federated States
of Micronesia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
resolution be transmitted to Mr. Manuel Miningfel, the President
of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Governor of Yap, and
the Speaker of Yap Legislature.

Date: 10/8/07

Introduced by: /s/ Peter Sitan
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