A RESOLUTION

Commending the Legislature of Kosrae State for introducing legislation requiring registration of, and conditions of supervision for, convicted criminals who have been deported to Kosrae from foreign jurisdictions; requesting the Legislatures of Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Yap States to consider introducing similar legislation; and urging all States to consider passing the aforementioned legislation in an expeditious manner in the interest of public safety and security.

WHEREAS, under the Compact of Free Association, citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) may be granted an unlimited length of stay in the United States as nonimmigrants without visas; and

WHEREAS, there are circumstances whereby an FSM citizen is deported from the United States, including instances where a citizen has one or more felony convictions; and

WHEREAS, examples of felony convictions leading to deportation of FSM citizens include burglary, possession of weapons, assault, rape, kidnapping, sexual conduct with a minor, child abuse, manslaughter, and homicide; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no system in place to account for and supervise FSM citizens who have been deported from the United States or any foreign jurisdiction for criminal activity upon their arrival in the Federated States of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, there have been recent instances of FSM citizens who have been deported from the United States committing violent crimes upon their return to the Federated States of Micronesia; and

and
WHEREAS, the United States, under a recently improved communication policy, notifies the Department of Foreign Affairs, the National Police, and the relevant State Governors and law enforcement officials when an FSM citizen deported from the United States is scheduled to arrive in the Federated States of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, the Kosrae State Legislature has shown notable initiative and leadership by introducing legislation that would require, among other things, an FSM citizen who has been deported from a foreign jurisdiction as a result of a criminal conviction, or as an agreed resolution to pending criminal charges, to register with the Kosrae Police Department within seventy-two hours of arriving in Kosrae, and creates a process whereby the Kosrae State Court may impose supervision conditions or conditions of probation on the deportee; and

WHEREAS, having a system in place to register, monitor and supervise FSM citizens who have been deported from foreign countries due to criminal activities is crucial to the public safety and security of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, such a system is best implemented and managed by the individual States of the Federated States of Micronesia; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Special Session, 2010, that Congress commends the Legislature of Kosrae State for introducing
legislation that require the registration of FSM citizens who have
been deported from foreign countries due to criminal activities,
and that creates a process by which a deportee may be monitored
and supervised by the appropriate authorities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress respectfully requests
the Legislatures of Chuuk, Pohnpei and Yap States to consider
introducing similar legislation in their respective States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress respectfully urges all
States to consider passing the aforementioned legislation in an
expeditious manner in the interest of public safety and security;

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
of Micronesia and to the Governors and Legislatures of each State.

Date: 5/26/10

Introduced by: /s/ Roger Mori

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