A RESOLUTION

Requesting the President to consider establishing a Federated States of Micronesia embassy, consulate or other official post in the Republic of the Philippines.

- 1 WHEREAS, the Government of the Federated States of
- 2 Micronesia currently has no official presence in the Republic
- 3 of the Philippines; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia and its people
- 5 have increasing exposure and contact with the Republic of the
- 6 Philippines, including business ventures and medical referrals;
- 7 and
- 8 WHEREAS, many citizens of the Republic of the Philippines
- 9 reside and work in the Federated States of Micronesia; and
- 10 WHEREAS, there is now a direct scheduled flight between the
- 11 Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the
- 12 Philippines; and
- 13 WHEREAS, such contact between our two Nations warrants the
- 14 development of a strong bilateral relationship; and
- WHEREAS, establishment of an official post in the Republic
- 16 of the Philippines is an initial step toward building a
- 17 stronger relationship with that country and would facilitate
- 18 the management and oversight of FSM interests there; and
- 19 WHEREAS, strengthening the relationship with the Republic of
- 20 the Philippines would encourage additional cooperation and

1 contact between our Nation and the Republic of the Philippines; now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated 3 States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2011, that the Congress hereby requests the President to consider establishing 6 a Federated States of Micronesia embassy, consulate or other official post in the Republic of the Philippines; and 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated 10 States of Micronesia and the Secretary of the Department of 11 Foreign Affairs. 12 Date: <u>9/19/11</u> Introduced by: /s/ Wesley W. Simina 13 Wesley W. Simina 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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