## SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2011

C.R. NO. 17-61

## A RESOLUTION

Requesting the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to terminate the Amended Compact of Free Association with the United States of America, pursuant to section 441 of the Amended Compact, such termination to take effect no later than 2018. 1 WHEREAS, the Amended Compact of Free Association was entered into by the Federated States of Micronesia and the United States 2 3 of America with the intent of maintaining a close and mutually beneficial relationship between our two nations; and 4 5 WHEREAS, the United States derives many benefits from the Amended Compact, not least of which is its exclusive control 6 over the military use of our extensive territorial waters and 7 airspace; and 8 WHEREAS, the recent words and deeds of United States 9 policymakers suggest they view the Amended Compact as an act of 10 11 charity by the United States rather than a treaty between two 12 sovereign nations; and 13 WHEREAS, the United States has abused its majority on the US-FSM Joint Economic Management Committee (JEMCO) to force 14 through resolutions contrary to the interests of the Federated 15 16 States of Micronesia; and WHEREAS, most recently, the United States members of JEMCO 17 18 have unilaterally made drastic cuts to the funding of the 19 College of Micronesia-FSM without prior discussion or 20 consultation with FSM leaders; and

1 WHEREAS, the United States Senate Committee on 2 Appropriations has recently recommended that the United States 3 Department of Homeland Security consider establishing a pre-4 screening process and requiring advanced permission for 5 prospective travelers from the Federated States of Micronesia 6 and other Freely Associated States to enter the United States; 7 and

8 WHEREAS, such a procedure violates the non-immigrant and 9 visa-free status of travelers from the Federated States of 10 Micronesia and places FSM citizens among "terrorist factions"; 11 now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2011, requests that the President of the Federated States of Micronesia terminate the Amended Compact of Free Association with the United States of America, pursuant to section 441 of the Amended Compact, such termination to take effect no later than 2018; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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23 Date: <u>9/29/30</u> Introduced by: <u>/s/ Peter M. Christian</u> Peter M. Christian 24