A RESOLUTION

To ratify the Treaty between the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands Concerning Maritime Boundaries and Cooperation on Related matters, which was signed on behalf of both State Parties on July 5, 2006 in Majuro, the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

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 elaborated upon in title 18 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, including assertion of an exclusive economic zone extending up to 200 nautical miles outward from baselines; and

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

WHEREAS, the asserted boundaries of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands overlap in some areas; and

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

WHEREAS, the Treaty between the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands Concerning Maritime Boundaries and Cooperation on Related matters...
1 establishes a line of delimitation between the exclusive
2 economic zones and the continental shelves over which each
3 nation respectively exercises sovereign rights and
4 jurisdiction; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia and the
7 Republic of the Marshall Islands signed the Treaty between the
8 Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall
9 Islands Concerning Maritime Boundaries and Cooperation on
10 Related matters in 2006; now, therefore,
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventeenth Congress of the
13 Federated States of Micronesia, Third Special Session, 2012,
14 that Congress hereby ratifies the Treaty between the Federated
15 States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands
16 Concerning Maritime Boundaries and Cooperation on Related
17 matters, which was signed on behalf of both State Parties on
18 July 5, 2006 in Majuro, the Republic of the Marshall Islands;
19 and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
22 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated
23 States of Micronesia and the Secretary of the Department of
24 Foreign Affairs.
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26 Date: 3/21/12                         Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper
27 Florencio S. Harper
28 (by request)