A RESOLUTION

To ratify the Treaty between the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau concerning Maritime Boundaries and Cooperation on Related Matters, which was signed on behalf of both State Parties in 2006.

1 WHEREAS, the jurisdiction over certain territory and
2 waters of the Federated States of Micronesia is set forth in
3 Article I of the Constitution of the Federated States of
4 Micronesia and elaborated upon in title 18 of the Code of the
5 Federated States of Micronesia, including assertion of an
6 exclusive economic zone extending up to 200 nautical miles
7 outward from baselines; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Federated States of

Micronesia permits limitation of jurisdiction over waters
10 pursuant to international treaty obligations; and
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12 WHEREAS, the Exclusive Economic Zones of the Federated
13 States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau overlap in some
14 areas; and
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16 WHEREAS, the international practice in this circumstance
17 is to negotiate a treaty establishing the boundaries of each
18 nation’s waters; and
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20 WHEREAS, the Treaty between the Federated States of
21 Micronesia and the Palau concerning Maritime Boundaries and
22 Cooperation on Related Matters establishes a line of
23 delimitation between the Exclusive Economic Zones over which
each nation respectively exercises sovereign rights and
jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the President of the Federated States of
Micronesia and the President of the Republic of Palau had
signed the Treaty between the Federated States of Micronesia
and the Republic of Palau Concerning Maritime Boundaries and
Cooperation on Related Matters in 2006; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventeenth Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia, Fifth Regular Session, 2012,
that Congress hereby ratifies the Treaty between the Federated
States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau Concerning
Maritime Boundaries and Cooperation on Related Matters, which
was signed on behalf of both State Parties in 2006; and

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

Date: 9/11/12          Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper
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(by request)