A RESOLUTION

To approve the accession of the Federated States of Micronesia to the United Nation’s Convention Against Corruption.

1. WHEREAS, corruption is closely linked to the fundamental principal underpinning sustainable social and economic development, particularly in developing countries and has been identified as a key factor in economic underperformance and a major obstacle to poverty alleviation and development in many countries; and

2. WHEREAS, corruption discourages foreign aid and investment and legitimate economic and commercial competition; and

3. WHEREAS, corruption fosters an anti-democratic environment characterized by uncertainty, unpredictability and declining moral values and disrespect for constitutional institutions and the rule of law; and

4. WHEREAS, the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia recognizes the negative effects of corruption and expressed its support for the United Nation’s Convention Against Corruption during the 2004 Pacific Islands Forum held in Apia, Samoa; and

5. WHEREAS, the United Nation’s Convention Against Corruption provides a global framework that all countries can apply in order to strengthen their legal and regulatory regimes to fight corruption; and

6. WHEREAS, the United Nation’s Convention Against Corruption is
in line with the principle of good governance, transparency and accountability; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 2011, that Congress hereby approves the Federated States of Micronesia’s accession to the United Nation’s Convention Against Corruption; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Secretary of FSM Department of Foreign Affairs for the earliest deposit of the required instrument of accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Dated: 11/19/11          Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper
Florencio S. Harper (by request)