A RESOLUTION

To express the concern of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia over the fate of eleven members of parliament in Eritrea imprisoned since 2001.

1 WHEREAS, eleven members of parliament in Eritrea have been imprisoned without formal charges since 2001; and
2 WHEREAS, it appears that they were arrested following the publication of a letter calling for the implementation of the national constitution; and
3 WHEREAS, they are being held in a maximum security prison, and have not been seen or heard from since being imprisoned; and
4 WHEREAS, the Congress wishes that the parties responsible for the imprisonment of the parliamentarians fully respect their human rights; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2014, that Congress expresses its concern over the fate of the eleven members of parliament imprisoned since 2001 in Eritrea; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Permanent Representative of the FSM to the United Nations, and the Executive Director of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

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