The Honorable Wesley W. Simina  
Speaker, Nineteenth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Eighth Special Session, 2017  

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs to which was referred C.R. No. 19-345, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $157,974 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES—HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (HRSA), TO THE FSM MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM FOR BUDGET PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 01, 2016 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2017, FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF MOTHERS AND CHILDREN’S HEALTH IN THE FSM, INCLUDING ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ASSISTANCE.,”

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of the resolution are expressed in its title.

Your Committee held a hearing on March 29, 2017, the witnesses present included the Department of Health and Social Affairs, including the Acting Secretary and key
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staff, Office of the President, the Department of Foreign Affairs, and the Department of Justice.

The program funded by this grant is well known to the Committee. The Committee noted during the hearing that the budget and proposed activities for this grant were not included in the transmission by the President. The Department of Health and Social Affairs did provide these documents shortly after the hearing and they are attached for information of the members.

The Committee appreciates the beneficial activities provided by this program, such as: the visit by the Pediatric Cardiologist Team from the Children’s Hospital of Orange County, California, and the purchase of equipment specifically for pediatric use. But, the Committee stated again that it would like the progress reports from this program on a regular basis so that it may evaluate the effectiveness of the efforts. The Department stated that it would send these as soon as available.

Throughout the hearing the question of continued funding was part of the investigation by your Committee. Regarding this particular program the Department advised the Committee that the funding in this case would continue in future years.

Your Committee has attached the detailed budget for each State and the National Government. The budget breakdown remains the same as in previous years.
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It is therefore, for the reasons set forth above, your Committee on Health and Social Affairs supports the grant activities proposed to be funded, it is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 19-345, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 19-345.

Respectfully submitted,

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