A RESOLUTION

Relating to the transfer of prime sponsorship under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act to the government of the Federated States of Micronesia.

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973, as amended, (CETA) was enacted to provide job training and employment opportunities for economically disadvantaged, unemployed, and underemployed persons, and to assure that training and other services lead to maximum employment opportunities and enhanced self-sufficiency; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Trusteeship Agreement obligates the United States as Administering Authority to promote economic advancement and self-sufficiency and to provide for the vocational advancement and training of Micronesian citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Five Year Indicative Development Plan adopted by the Congress establishes as major objectives the expansion of employment opportunities, particularly in the private sector, and the development of vocational and technical training; and

WHEREAS, the High Commissioner has historically exercised authority for administering CETA and has been responsible for effective implementation of this program; and

WHEREAS, the use of CETA training funds has been limited to providing public sector employment which has not resulted in the type of skilled job opportunities or level of training needed by Micronesian citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Title VII authority in CETA to provide private sector training and employment opportunities has not been utilized; and

WHEREAS, the full range of public and private sector programs could
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most effectively be administered if prime sponsorship under CETA were
transferred to the government of the Federated States of Micronesia; now,
therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the First Congress of the Federated States of
Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 1979, that the High Commissioner is
hereby requested to transfer CETA prime sponsorship to the government of the
Federated States of Micronesia to enable this government to effectively
implement the full range of CETA programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be
transmitted to the High Commissioner, the U.S. Department of Labor Regional
Director for Region IX, the Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Employment
and Training Administration, the President of the Federated States of
Micronesia, and to the Governors and Speakers of State Legislatures of the
Federated States of Micronesia.

Adopted: October 19, 1979