A RESOLUTION

To amend Section 8 of Rule 6 of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide that if the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means is unavailable to preside at a committee hearing, the Vice Speaker shall perform the duties of the chairman in his absence.

1 WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia is governed by its Official Rules of Procedure; and
2 WHEREAS, Rule 6, Section 8, stipulates the appointment, powers, and duties of the chairman and vice chairman of Congressional committees; and
3 WHEREAS, a Congressional Resolution is a transparent and open mechanism for an amendment to the Official Rules of Procedure; and
4 WHEREAS, the Members of the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia desire to clarify the provisions relating to the chairman and vice chairman of Congressional committees to provide that if the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means is unavailable to preside at a meeting of the committee, the Vice Speaker shall perform the duties of the chairman in his absence; and
5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Eleventh Special Session, 2021, that Section 8 of Rule 6 of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia is hereby amended to read as follows:
"Section 8. Chairman and vice chairman.

(a) The chairman of each standing committee or special committee, and the chairman for each continuous session of the Committee of the Whole, shall be appointed by the Speaker, subject to appeal to the Congress. A vice chairman shall be chosen by the members of each standing committee.

(b) The chairman of each committee shall call meetings, preside at committee meetings, prepare and post the agenda, invite witnesses to appear before the committee, and prepare committee reports subject to the requirements of the Rules. The vice chairman shall perform the duties of the chairman in his absence.

(c) A Member of Congress who serves as a chairman of a standing committee may not serve as a chairman or vice chairman of another standing committee. The Speaker, Vice Speaker and Floor leader may not serve as a chairman or vice chairman of any standing committee, except as provided in paragraph (d) of this section.

(d) If the chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means is unavailable to preside at a meeting of the committee, the Vice Speaker shall perform the duties of the chairman in his absence."
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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