

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21-05

RE: C.R. NO. 21-30/EX-AFF

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. ROGER S. MORI TO
SERVE AS THE FSM DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION TO THE
EMBASSY IN JAPAN.

JULY 23, 2019

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Twenty-First Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Second Special Session, 2019

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on External Affairs, to which was referred C.R.
No. 21-30 entitled:

“A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. ROGER S.
MORI TO SERVE AS THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA AT THE EMBASSY IN JAPAN.”,

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee is mindful of the need for continuity in the
operations of its overseas diplomatic offices. The position of
deputy chief of mission (DCM) contributes substantially to that
continuity. More than the ambassadors, who are top management
and deal with policy level decision making, the DCM is concerned
with the day-to-day operations and contacts at the mission. It
is therefore, important that this position is filled with an
individual who has integrity and the highest level of
competence.

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Your Committee reviewed the qualifications of this nominee extensively at the time of his initial confirmation as DCM for the FSM embassy in Japan. The nominee has been an excellent member of the FSM embassy in Japan. While the number of our students in Japan has continued to increase over the years our embassy has continued to provide excellent support for them. Efforts to promote our Nation as a tourist destination have also been advanced by our embassy, as well as, planning for the purchase of a property for the purposes of relocating our embassy.

During the recently conducted Fiscal Year 2020 budget hearing for the Department of Foreign Affairs, your Committee had the opportunity to speak with this nominee as key staff brought from the mission by the ambassador to the hearings. At this time, the Committee was very satisfied with nominee's performance and the overall function of our embassy in Japan. Your Committee also defers to the President and the Department of Foreign Affairs as to the decision to maintain the nominee at his post. Absent any contrary indication, your Committee believes that the nominee should be confirmed, and so recommends that Mr. Roger S. Mori be confirmed as the Federated States of Micronesia Deputy Chief of Mission to its embassy in Japan.

Your Committee on External Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 21-30, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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