

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21-07

RE: C.R. NO. 21-32/EX-AFF

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MS. TERESA M.  
FILEPIN TO SERVE AS THE FSM CONSUL GENERAL IN  
GUAM, U.S.A.

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. 21-32, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MS. TERESA M.  
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begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee emphasizes the importance of the Federated States  
of Micronesia's unique relationship with Guam. Many citizens of  
the Federated States of Micronesia reside in Guam, and therefore  
it is necessary for a competent representative of the Nation to  
be located there to serve their needs. Our Nation needs to  
continue to operate the Office of the Consul General in Guam  
with efficiency, integrity and the highest levels of expertise.  
Therefore, an extended period of service for a good consul  
general, one who already has strong relationships with her Guam  
counterparts and our citizens residing in Guam, would be in the  
best interests of our Nation.

Your Committee reviewed the qualifications of this nominee  
extensively at the time of her initial confirmation as consul

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general. There is no further need to hold a further hearing on this matter at this time. Your Committee and all Members of Congress have had opportunity to work with nominee in her capacity as consul general. The Committee has improvement in the new mission property, an increase in the coordination with the government of Guam and the outreach to our citizens living in Guam under the nominee's tenure as consul general. Your Committee has not received any subsequent communication that would cast doubt on the performance or integrity of the nominee.

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 and key staff that she brought from the mission. At this time, the Committee was satisfied with nominee's performance and the overall function of our mission in Guam. Your Committee also defers to the President and the Department of Foreign Affairs as to decision to maintain the nominee at her post. Absent any contrary indication, your Committee believes that the nominee should be confirmed, and so recommends that Ms. Teresa M. Filepin be confirmed as the Federated States of Micronesia Consul General to Guam.

Your Committee on External Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 21-32, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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