

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21-08

RE: C.R. NO. 21-36/EX-AFF

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. WILSON F. WAGUK
TO SERVE AS THE FSM DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION TO
THE EMBASSY IN FIJI.

JULY 24, 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. 21-36 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. WILSON F.
WAGUK TO SERVE AS THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA AT THE EMBASSY IN FIJI.",

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 Fiji. There is no further need to do so at this time. The President in his transmission letter with the nomination praised the nominee and wrote he "has proven himself to be highly qualified for this diplomatic posting abroad..." The mission in Fiji has been very active assisting our students studying in there. It has also committed much energy and time to work with the international organizations that have regional offices in Fiji. The nominee in his role as DCM has been very important in all activities of the embassy in Fiji.

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 his performance during his tenure has been above average. The Committee is satisfied with the nominee's performance and the overall function of our embassy in Fiji. 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. Wilson F. Waguk be confirmed as the Federated States of Micronesia Deputy Chief of Mission to its embassy in Fiji.

Your Committee on External Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 21-36, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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