

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21-18

RE: C.R. NO. 21-55/EX AFF

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. JACKSON T. SORAM  
TO SERVE AS THE FSM DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION TO  
THE U.S. IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on External Affairs, to which was referred C.R.  
No. 21-55 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. JACKSON T.  
SORAM TO SERVE AS THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA DEPUTY  
CHIEF OF MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN  
WASHINGTON, D.C.",

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of this resolution are expressed in it

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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The nominee is well known to your Committee for his dedication to excellence during his long career in the field of diplomacy and international relations. The nominee has served in the capacity of Deputy Chief of Mission to the United States in Washington D.C., and it is this position that he has again been nominated for. The President recommended the nominee and has stated that he is highly qualified to continue in his current role.

Your Committee reviewed the qualifications of this nominee extensively at the time of his initial confirmation as Deputy Chief of Mission to the United States in Washington, D.C. There is no further need to do review at this time. The President in his transmission letter with nomination praised the nominee and stated that it would be in the best interests of the Federated States of Micronesia to have him confirmed.

During the recently conducted Fiscal Year 2020 budget hearing in May for the Department of Foreign Affairs, your Committee had the opportunity to speak with the Department regarding this nominee. The Department of Foreign stated his performance during his tenure has been above average. The Committee is satisfied with the nominee's performance and the overall professional abilities. 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. Jackson T. Soram be confirmed as the Deputy Chief of Mission to the United States of America in Washington, D.C.

Your Committee on External Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 21-55, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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