

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 23-02

RE: C.R. NO. 23-10/EX AFF

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. VINCENT  
SIVAS TO SERVE AS THE FSM AMBASSADOR  
EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY TO THE  
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

JULY 14, 2023

The Honorable Esmond B. Moses  
Speaker, Twenty Third Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
First Special Session, 2023

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on External Affairs, to which was referred C.R.  
No. 23-10 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. VICENT  
SIVAS TO SERVE AS THE FSM AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND  
PLENIPOTENTIARY TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee stresses our Nation's commitment to its close  
relationship with the People's Republic of China, and the need  
to continue to operate its overseas diplomatic mission with  
efficiency, integrity and the highest levels of expertise.

The Ambassador, as the face of our country in China, plays an  
important role in the high-level policy discussions between our

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two nations. Therefore, an extended period of service for a good ambassador, one that has already forged strong relationships with his Chinese counterparts, and has an in-depth knowledge of the relevant policy issues, would be in the best interests of our Nation.

The nominee has served very successfully as our Ambassador to China. He is well known for his professionalism in a challenging political climate. During his previous tenure as ambassador he assisted many of our students studying in China and his extra support during the pandemic ensured that all our young citizens were safe and informed. It is in the best interests of our Nation that the nominee be allowed to continue using his extensive knowledge of the People's Republic of China and the relevant policy issues.

Your Committee reviewed the qualifications of this nominee at the time of his initial confirmation. The Committee has not received any subsequent communication that would cast doubt on the performance or integrity of the nominee. During the Committee's recent FY24 budget hearing it had a chance to speak with the leadership at the Department of Foreign Affairs. The nominee's performance during the past four years was considered very good. Further, your Committee defers to the President and the Department of Foreign Affairs as to the decision to maintain the nominee in his post. Absent any contrary indication, your Committee believes that the nominee should be confirmed, and so recommends that Mr. Vincent Sivas be confirmed as the FSM Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the People's Republic of China.

Your Committee on External Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 23-10, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Peter M. Christian  
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