A RESOLUTION

Urging the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to meet with the President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the President of the Republic of Palau as soon as possible regarding the future of the College of Micronesia and the Trust Territory Social Security System.

1. WHEREAS, the College of Micronesia and the Trust Territory Social Security System are the last two governmental institutions which are presently being supported by the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau; and

2. WHEREAS, close coordination and communication need to exist between the three Micronesian governments so that these two institutions can continue to serve their Micronesian constituents in the manner intended; and

3. WHEREAS, the future of the College of Micronesia is clouded because the proposed Compact of Free Association for each of the three Micronesian governments does not provide any specific funding for it; and

4. WHEREAS, unless the Micronesian governments can mutually agree to make long-term, firm, financial commitments to the College of Micronesia, then no real future planning is possible; and

5. WHEREAS, the Trust Territory Social Security System needs to be devolved to the three Micronesian governments, and it is essential that all the necessary technical details be agreed upon so as to allow for this devolution; and

6. WHEREAS, the Prior Service Benefits Program which is a part of the Trust Territory Social Security System is presently in danger of losing all of its funding unless the United States government reverses its course and agrees to fund the program in the post-Trusteeship period; and

7. WHEREAS, unless the three Micronesian governments can coordinate their efforts so as to secure post-Trusteeship funding for the Prior Service Benefits Program, the program could possibly cease to exist; and
WHEREAS, only the Presidents of the three Micronesian governments can effectively commit their respective governments to concrete action to remedy the major problems now facing the College of Micronesia and the Trust Territory Social Security System; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 1983, that the Congress strongly urges the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to meet with the President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the President of the Republic of Palau as soon as possible regarding the future of the College of Micronesia and the Trust Territory Social Security System; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Executive Director of the College of Micronesia, the Director of the Trust Territory Social Security System, and the Speaker of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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