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A RESOLUTION

To ratify the Foreign Fishing Agreement between the Federated States of Micronesia Maritime Authority and the Japanese Fishing Associations.

1 WHEREAS, the Micronesian Maritime Authority of the Federated
2 States of Micronesia, pursuant to section 303(3) of chapter 3 of
3 title 24 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, engaged
4 in a lengthy negotiation with the representatives of the Japanese
5 Fisheries Associations, from April 22 to April 25 of 1983, for the
6 purpose of concluding a foreign fishing agreement to replace the
7 current agreement which expired at midnight, April 30, 1983; and

8 WHEREAS, in spite of the great differences in opinions of the
9 parties, an agreement was reached whereby the current agreement was
10 extended for 90 days commencing on May 1, 1983, and ending on July
11 31, 1983; and

12 WHEREAS, the extension agreement provides that the organizations
13 pay to the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia a total
14 fee of 145 million yen in one payment by May 25, 1983, as access
15 fee for that period; and

16 WHEREAS, article IX, section 2(b), of the Constitution of the
17 Federated States of Micronesia delegates the Congress of the Federated
18 States of Micronesia the authority to ratify treaties; and

19 WHEREAS, section 2(m) of the same article of the Constitution
20 expressly delegates to the Congress of the Federated States of Micro-
21 nesia the power, inter alia, to regulate the exploitation of natural
22 resources within the marine space of the Federated States of Micronesia
23 beyond the 12 miles from island baselines; and

24 WHEREAS, the extension agreement is in the best interest of the
25 Federated States of Micronesia; now, therefore,

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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Third Congress of the Federated States of
2 Micronesia, First Regular Session, 1983, that the agreement dated
3 April 25, 1983, between the Federated States of Micronesia Maritime
4 Authority and the Japanese Fishing Associations be ratified by this
5 Congress pursuant to the authorities vested in it by article IX,
6 sections 2(b) and 4, of the Constitution of the Federated States of
7 Micronesia; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution
9 be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia,
10 the Chairman of the Micronesian Maritime Authority, the Executive
11 Director of the Micronesian Maritime Authority, and the Japanese
12 Fishing Associations.

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