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

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

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

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

5. WHEREAS, section 2(m) of the same article of the Constitution expressly delegates to the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia the power, inter alia, to regulate the exploitation of natural resources within the marine space of the Federated States of Micronesia beyond the 12 miles from island baselines; and

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

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

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