A RESOLUTION

Urging the Federated States of Micronesia Telecommunications Corporation to make a report on the best approach to extend telephone services to the rural areas of the high islands and to the outer islands of the Federated States of Micronesia, which report shall include the estimated cost therefor so that funding therefor could be sought incrementally.

1. WHEREAS, the rural areas of the high islands and the outer islands of each of the States of the Federated States of Micronesia lack the basic means of communication; and

2. WHEREAS, it is very difficult to mobilize assistance in case of emergencies in the rural areas or the outlying islands without an effective system of communication; and

3. WHEREAS, the development of the islands of the Federated States of Micronesia depends to a large extent on, among other things, an efficient transportation system and an effective communications system; and

4. WHEREAS, an effective communications system will serve as a linkage between the people in the rural areas and the outlying islands and the people at the State centers, as well as between the people of the various islands and States of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

5. WHEREAS, a telephone system seems to be one of the most efficient ways to link the people of the Federated States of Micronesia to one another; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 1984, that the Federated States of Micronesia Telecommunications Corporation be and hereby is respectfully urged to make a report to the Speaker of the Congress prior to the October 1984 regular session on the best approach to extend telephone services to the rural areas of the high islands and to the outer islands of each of the States of the Federated States of Micronesia, which report shall include the estimated cost therefor so that funding therefor could be sought incrementally; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted
to the chairman of the Board of Directors of the Federated States of Micronesia Telecommunications Corporation, the manager of the Federated States of Micronesia Telecommunications Corporation, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Speaker of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Governor of each of the States of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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