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A RESOLUTION

Requesting the United States Congress to appropriate sufficient funds to ensure full payment of all Federated States of Micronesia citizen claims adjudicated under the Micronesian Claims Act of 1971, and not wait for the Government of Japan to first appropriate funds for such purposes.

1 WHEREAS, many Micronesians suffered from the hostilities of the Second
2 World War as well as other incidents involving the actions of military and
3 civilian employees of the United States and Japan; and

4 WHEREAS, in recognition of these unfortunate facts, the United States
5 and Japan signed an agreement in 1969 which provided that, as an ex gratia
6 contribution, Japan would contribute \$5 million in goods and services to
7 the Micronesian people and the United States would establish a \$5 million
8 fund for the welfare of the Micronesian people; and

9 WHEREAS, this agreement between the United States and Japan was
10 implemented in the United States by the Micronesian Claims Act of 1971,
11 which established a Micronesian Claims Commission to receive, examine,
12 adjudicate, and render final decisions with respect to the combat- and
13 noncombat-related claims of the Micronesian people; and

14 WHEREAS, under title I of said act, \$5 million was contributed by
15 the United States, which amount was matched by a contribution from Japan;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, under title II of said act, \$20 million dollars was con-
18 tributed by the United States; and

19 WHEREAS, said amounts proved inadequate to ensure full payment of
20 claims adjudicated by the Micronesian Claims Commission, inasmuch as
21 millions of dollars of adjudicated claims were never paid; and

22 WHEREAS, the United States has maintained the position that
23 additional funds for the payment of adjudicated claims will not be
24 appropriated until and unless the Government of Japan also contributes
25 funds for such purposes; and

24. App.

1 WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Congress of the Federated States of
2 Micronesia that the position of the United States is inappropriate and
3 unrealistic, in that it appears evident that the Government of Japan has
4 no intention of contributing funds for the payment of Micronesian claims;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, the United States, unlike Japan, is responsible for the
7 welfare of the people of the Federated States of Micronesia as the
8 administering authority of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; and

9 WHEREAS, many Micronesians, including numerous citizens of the
10 Federated States of Micronesia, have been left with unsatisfied
11 adjudicated claims; now, therefore,

12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Third Congress of the Federated States of Micro-
13 nesia, Fourth Regular Session, 1984, that the Congress hereby requests the
14 United States Congress to appropriate sufficient funds to ensure full
15 payment of all Federated States of Micronesia citizen claims adjudicated
16 under the Micronesian Claims Act of 1971, and not wait for the
17 Government of Japan to first appropriate funds for such purposes; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be
19 transmitted to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate
20 of the United States Congress, the President of the United States, the
21 Director of Territorial Affairs of the Department of Interior, the
22 President of the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Secretary of
23 External Affairs of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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25 Date: 10/25/84

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