A RESOLUTION

Expressing the concern of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia over the failure of the United States Weather Service to provide advance notice to the Mortlock Islands prior to their being struck by Tropical Storm Elsa.

1. WHEREAS, on January 8 and 9, 1985, the Mortlock Islands were struck by Tropical Storm Elsa; and
2. WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Elsa inflicted serious damage to the Mortlock Islands in that numerous inhabited islands suffered loss of crops, excessive flooding by saltwater, and erosion of soil; and
3. WHEREAS, the people of the Mortlock Islands received no prior notice from the United States Weather Service that a tropical storm would strike their islands; and
4. WHEREAS, if the people of the Mortlock Islands had received adequate prior notice that a tropical storm would hit their islands certain steps could have been taken to minimize damage to crops and other property, both real and personal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Special Session, 1985, that the Congress hereby expresses its concern over the failure of the United States Weather Service to provide advance notice to the Mortlock Islands prior to their being struck by Tropical Storm Elsa; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Director of the United States Weather Service, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, and the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Date: 1/16/85

Introduced by:

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