FOURTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1985  C.R. No. 4-18

A RESOLUTION

Respectfully requesting the United Nations Trusteeship Council members to support the exercise of self-determination by the inhabitants of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

1. WHEREAS, after the close of World War II the islands of Micronesia were placed under a Trusteeship Agreement to be administered by the United States under the supervision of the United Nations; and

2. WHEREAS, pursuant to article 6 of the Trusteeship Agreement the United States agreed to foster the development of such political institutions as are suited to the Trust Territory and to promote the development of the inhabitants of the Trust Territory toward self-government or independence in accordance with the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned; and

3. WHEREAS, over the course of more than 40 years the inhabitants of the Trust Territory, by democratic means, established their own political institutions and governments; and

4. WHEREAS, through their democratic political institutions and duly elected governments the inhabitants of the Trust Territory carefully negotiated over more than 15 years a future political status agreement with the United States; and

5. WHEREAS, this carefully constructed future political status agreement between the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia carries the title of Compact of Free Association; and

6. WHEREAS, through an elaborate and democratic process the Compact of Free Association was approved on three separate levels; by a National plebiscite, by three out of four State legislatures, and by the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

7. WHEREAS, despite the expressed overwhelming desire by the people of the Federated States of Micronesia for the Compact of Free Association,
approval by the United States Congress has been slow in coming; and

WHEREAS, past support by the United Nations Trusteeship Council on issues relating to the exercise of self-determination by the inhabitants of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands has been helpful; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 1985, that the Congress hereby respectfully requests the United Nations Trusteeship Council members to support the exercise of self-determination by the inhabitants of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to each of the members of the United Nations Trusteeship Council, and to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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