A RESOLUTION

Expressing the desire of Congress that the United States House of Representatives give careful and sympathetic consideration to the freely expressed wishes of the people of the Federated States of Micronesia, to their own Nation's obligations under the Trusteeship Agreement, and to comments from the Federated States of Micronesia Government while considering possible amendments to the Compact of Free Association.

1. WHEREAS, under article 6 of the Trusteeship Agreement for the Former Japanese Mandated Islands, the United States pledged to the United Nations that it would promote the development of the inhabitants of the Trust Territory toward self-government or independence in accord with the freely expressed wishes of the Territory's people; and

2. WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of both the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia that the Compact of Free Association be entered into, thereby fulfilling the freely expressed wishes of Micronesians and the obligations under international law assumed by the United States; and

3. WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia approved the Compact of Free Association with the understanding that the United States, through its status negotiators, had agreed with the negotiated terms; and

4. WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia approved the Compact of Free Association without any effort to unilaterally amend it; and

5. WHEREAS, major amendments to the Compact of Free Association which drastically dilute the sovereignty to be accorded to the Federated States of Micronesia have been adopted by various committees and subcommittees in the United States House of Representatives; and

6. WHEREAS, these amendments are inimical to the freely expressed wishes of the Micronesian people, and to the United States' obligation to promote self-government in Micronesia; and
WHEREAS, approval of these amendments by the United States Congress would compel the Federated States of Micronesia to reconsider, and very possibly reject, the Compact, which could no longer be fairly called a Compact of "Free" Association; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Special Session, 1985, that the Congress hereby expresses its desire that the United States House of Representatives give careful and sympathetic consideration to the freely expressed wishes of the people of the Federated States of Micronesia, to their own Nation's obligations under the Trusteeship Agreement, and to comments from the Federated States of Micronesia Government while considering possible amendments to the Compact of Free Association; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives and the Chairmen of the United States House of Representatives Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs and Foreign Affairs.

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