A RESOLUTION

Requesting that the President commission a study of the feasibility and cost of a slipway, ship repair, and shipwright training facility in the State of Truk.

1. WHEREAS, the ocean is a major source of food and employment for our citizens which is underutilized; and

2. WHEREAS, the implementation of the First National Development Plan will greatly increase the involvement of FSM citizens in the exploitation of our natural resources and place increased demands on the infrastructure to support the marine industry; and

3. WHEREAS, boats and ships provide a vital link among our island States as well as a means of livelihood for many FSM citizens; and

4. WHEREAS, it is in the National interest to maintain and expand the oceangoing capability of our fishing and marine transportation industries; and

5. WHEREAS, there exists a shortage of marine slipways and facilities which can provide the services necessary to maintain seaworthiness; and

6. WHEREAS, there exists a shortage of FSM citizens trained in the trades of shipbuilding and ship repair and the development of these skills will be a major step towards achieving the goals of the First National Development Plan; and

7. WHEREAS, the State of Truk is centrally located in the Federated States of Micronesia and offers excellent natural anchorage facilities;

now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Special Session, 1985, that the Congress hereby requests that the President commission a study of the feasibility and cost of a slipway, ship repair, and shipwright training facility in the State of Truk, and that a copy of the completed study be provided to Congress.
during fiscal year 1986; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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