

A RESOLUTION

Urging the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to make future funding of the College of Micronesia an immediate priority for his administration, and endeavor to work with the State governments to resolve the issue in the very near future.

1 WHEREAS, in the Saipan Accords of 1983, the Presidents of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands
3 and the Republic of Palau pledged the support of their Governments for
4 a unified College of Micronesia system after termination of the
5 Trusteeship Agreement; and

6 WHEREAS, with the implementation of the Compacts of Free
7 Association for the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic
8 of the Marshall Islands, the College of Micronesia is facing a
9 financial crisis due to the loss of United States Department of
10 Interior subsidies and the phase out of revenues from United States
11 post-secondary education student financial assistance programs; and

12 WHEREAS, with this impending financial crisis in mind, the
13 Congress, by Congressional Resolution No. 4-129, previously
14 requested President Tosiwo Nakayama of the Federated States of
15 Micronesia to expeditiously seek a summit meeting with the Presidents
16 of the Republics of the Marshall Islands and Palau in order to develop
17 a funding plan for the College during the Compact era; and

18 WHEREAS, to deal with this matter, President Nakayama established
19 a staff-level working group, which has participated in two rounds
20 of negotiations with counterparts from the Republics of the Marshall
21 Islands and Palau; and

22 WHEREAS, these negotiations have resulted in agreed principles
23 for a treaty on the subject of a unified College of Micronesia system
24 in the future; and

25 WHEREAS, under the terms of the agreed principles, the Federated

1 States of Micronesia's share of funding for the College will amount
2 to at least \$1.018 million in fiscal year 1988, and will likely be
3 higher; and

4 WHEREAS, a draft treaty embodying the agreed principles and
5 other necessary provisions will soon be circulated among the three
6 Governments in the hope that a mutually-acceptable agreement can
7 be entered into and submitted for ratification in the near future; and

8 WHEREAS, despite progress on development of the treaty,
9 uncertainty remains as to how the Federated States of Micronesia
10 will fund any agreed share of the College's operational costs;
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12 WHEREAS, in particular, the respective National and State
13 Government responsibilities for such funding are unresolved;
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15 WHEREAS, by way of example, the Chief Executives, in Amendment
16 No. 2 to the Memorandum of Understanding with respect to the
17 Division of Grant Assistance under the Compact of Free Association
18 among the National and State Governments of the Federated States of
19 Micronesia, have proposed that grants provided by the United States
20 pursuant to section 216(a)(3) of the Compact of Free Association
21 be divided among the State and National Governments for fiscal
22 year 1987, with the National Government's share of \$489,740 being
23 dedicated to support of the College, and with future fiscal year
24 apportionments to be determined by mutual agreement after
25 clarification of the College funding situation; and

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1 WHEREAS, the next school year for the College begins in
2 August, and the current fiscal year ends soon thereafter; and

3 WHEREAS, if the treaty on the College is to be ratified and
4 funding secured to meet the Federated States of Micronesia's
5 obligations under the treaty, such actions must therefore occur
6 in the very near future; and

7 WHEREAS, there is consequently a pressing need for the
8 National and State Governments of the Federated States of Micronesia
9 to expeditiously decide what their respective responsibilities for
10 funding the College will be, and how available resources, including
11 Compact section 216(a)(3) funds, will be applied to that purpose;
12 now, therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Fifth Congress of the Federated States
14 of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 1987, that the Congress
15 hereby urges the President of the Federated States of Micronesia
16 to make future funding of the College of Micronesia an immediate
17 priority for his administration, and endeavor to work with the
18 State governments to resolve the issue in the very near future;
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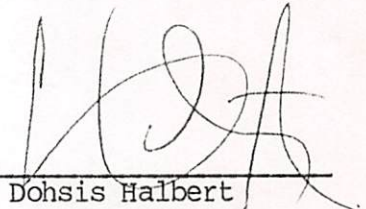
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution
2 be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micro-
3 nesia, the Governor of each State within the Federated States of
4 Micronesia, and the Speaker of each State legislature within
5 the Federated States of Micronesia.

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7 Date: 5/29/87

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