FIFTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1987

A RESOLUTION

Ratifying the Agreement among Pacific Island States Concerning the Implementation and Administration of the Treaty on Fisheries between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America.

1 WHEREAS, the Congress has ratified the Treaty on Fisheries between the Government of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America; and

2 WHEREAS, the Agreement among Pacific Island States Concerning the Implementation and Administration of the Treaty on Fisheries between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America ("the Administration Agreement") was signed by the Governments of Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Republic of Kiribati, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Nauru, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, and Western Samoa on April 2, 1987; and

3 WHEREAS, the Administration Agreement is an internal agreement among those South Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency countries that have approved the Treaty on Fisheries between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America; and

4 WHEREAS, the Administration Agreement necessarily provides for the administration and implementation of the Treaty on Fisheries between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America, including the appointment of the Director of the South Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency as the responsible administrator, and the establishment of criteria for the equitable division of, and procedures for the distribution of, licensing fees; and

5 WHEREAS, by a letter dated May 18, 1987, addressed to the
Speaker, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia has recommended ratification of the Agreement and has confirmed that he will sign and deliver an instrument of ratification to the depositary government, Papua New Guinea, upon Congress' ratification; and

WHEREAS, the Administration Agreement is an international agreement requiring ratification by the Congress in accordance with article IX, section 4 of the Constitution; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Fifth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 1987, that the Congress hereby ratifies the Agreement among Pacific Island States Concerning the Implementation and Administration of the Treaty on Fisheries between the Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Chairman of the South Pacific Forum, and the Director of the South Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency.

Date: 5-20-87

Introduced by:

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(by request)