A RESOLUTION

Expressing the deepest appreciation and gratitude of the Congress and people of the Federated States of Micronesia to the beloved Reverend Hugh F. Costigan, S.J., by conferring upon him the title of "Honorary Citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia," in recognition of his many contributions and accomplishments, and his love, dedication and service in promoting the social, educational, economic and spiritual development of the Nation.

1. WHEREAS, in 1947, the Reverend Hugh F. Costigan, S.J., after his ordination in the Philippines, arrived in Tamwaroi, Madolenihmw, Pohnpei, to begin his parish work at a small wooden church, with a simple shack for a residence; and

2. WHEREAS, after his arrival he developed the area, and built roads and facilities, molding Tamwaroi into one of the most successful agricultural and educational centers in the Micronesian region; and

3. WHEREAS, in 1958, he formed the Madolenihmw Housing Cooperative, which provided concrete block homes to hundreds of Pohnpeians, F føgelapese and Kosraeans, and built 90 percent of all government schools and teacher homes, in the process training a generation of tradesman in Pohnpei; and

4. WHEREAS, to help foster economic development, he formed the Madolenihmw Copra Cooperative Association in 1960, an organization to help the people of Pohnpei store and sell their copra; and

5. WHEREAS, he established the Community Leadership Training Program in 1968, which provided countless elder Pohnpeians with the management expertise, mechanical knowledge and scientific agricultural skills required to operate cooperatives and associations; and

6. WHEREAS, through his efforts the Ponape Agriculture Trade School (PATS) was opened in 1965, a vocational high school where the raw and God-given talents of youngsters from across Micronesia were developed and refined; and

7. WHEREAS, the graduates of PATS are successful,
self-sustaining citizens throughout the region, contributing greatly
to their people and their new nations; and

WHEREAS, in order to make PATS financially secure, he
established the Foundation for Promotion of Economic, Agricultural
and Community Endeavors (PEACE), an organization in the United States
specifically dedicated to sustaining the work of PATS; and

WHEREAS, of all the non-citizens who have made important
contributions to the Federated States of Micronesia, the Reverend
Hugh F. Costigan, S.J., has few peers, and his accomplishments and
contributions will always be cherished and remembered; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Members, in Congress assembled,
that due recognition, gratitude and appreciation must be given to the
tireless, unselfish efforts of the beloved Reverend Hugh F. Costigan,
S.J., for his 40 years of loving and devoted service to the people of
the Federated States of Micronesia; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Fifth Congress of the Federated States of
Micronesia, First Regular Session, 1987, that the Congress, on behalf
of the people of the Federated States of Micronesia, hereby expresses
its deepest appreciation and gratitude to the beloved Reverend Hugh
F. Costigan, S.J., and confers upon him the title of "Honorary
Citizen of the Federated States of Micronesia," in recognition of his
many contributions and accomplishments, and his love, dedication and
service in promoting the social, educational, economic and spiritual
development of the Nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution
be transmitted to the Reverend Hugh F. Costigan, S.J.; the President
of the Federated States of Micronesia; the Governor of each State of
the Federated States of Micronesia; and Bishop Martin Neylon, S.J.,
Diocese of the Caroline and Marshall Islands.

Date: May 20, 1987

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