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A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia that eligibility for United States post-secondary education financial assistance programs should be maintained for all students from the Federated States of Micronesia throughout the period of free association with the United States of America.

1 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 223 of the Compact of Free Associa-
2 tion, only those Federated States of Micronesia students who were
3 enrolled in colleges and universities on November 2, 1986, remain
4 eligible to receive United States post-secondary education financial
5 assistance; and

6 WHEREAS, numerous problems have been experienced in properly
7 implementing this section of the Compact, resulting in many students
8 who should rightfully be eligible being denied said assistance; and

9 WHEREAS, it has, moreover, become increasingly evident that the
10 funds for post-secondary education financial assistance provided
11 to the Federated States of Micronesia by the United States under
12 section 216(a)(3) of the Compact are woefully inadequate to meet
13 the needs of the citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia to
14 attend colleges and universities at home and abroad in order to
15 obtain essential skills and knowledge vital to the development of the
16 Nation; and

17 WHEREAS, as a result of this situation the social and economic
18 development of the Federated States of Micronesia will be greatly
19 imperiled, if not defeated; and

20 WHEREAS, it is consequently extremely urgent that steps be
21 taken to restore full eligibility for all United States post-
22 secondary education financial assistance programs to students from
23 the Federated States of Micronesia throughout the period of free
24 association with the United States of America; and

25 WHEREAS, such assistance includes Pell grants, SEOG, college

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1 work study, guaranteed student loans and Perkins loans; now, therefore,

2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Fifth Congress of the Federated States of

3 Micronesia, First Regular Session, 1987, that the Congress hereby

4 expresses its sense that eligibility for United States post-

5 secondary education financial assistance programs should be maintained

6 for all students from the Federated States of Micronesia throughout

7 the period of free association with the United States of America; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution

9 be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia,

10 the Chairman of the Commission on Future Political Status and Transi-

11 tion, the Director of the Office of Freely Associated State Affairs,

12 the Chairman and ranking minority member of the United States House

13 of Representatives Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, and

14 the Chairman and ranking minority member of the United States Senate

15 Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

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