A RESOLUTION

Expressing serious concern over the threat to the Federated States of Micronesia posed by the effects of global warming and respectfully requesting the President to assure that the special concerns of the Federated States of Micronesia are advanced and dealt with effectively in the negotiations taking place between now and June, 1992, to reach a global Framework Convention on climate change.

1. WHEREAS, intensive studies by the World's leading climatologists now indicate that continued unrestricted release of carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide and other greenhouse gases into the Earth's atmosphere as a consequence of industrial and agricultural activities in the nations of the world will accelerate the process of global warming and climate change, with possible catastrophic consequences, particularly for low-lying ocean islands due to sea-level rise, intensified storms, salt water invasion, destruction of marine life and other effects; and

2. WHEREAS, the islands and people of the Federated States of Micronesia stand to be among the first on Earth to become victims of the global warming and climate change processes, even though we contribute negligibly to their causes; and

3. WHEREAS, the United Nations, by Resolution 45/212 of the General Assembly, dated January 17, 1991, entitled, "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind," initiated a negotiating process toward a global Framework Convention on Climate Change to be signed in June, 1992; and

4. WHEREAS, the small island nations of the World have joined together for the negotiations in a common-interest working group known as the "Alliance of Small Island States," to encourage broader expression of island views and participation to maximize their impact and realize their common goals; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventh Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 1991, that the Congress hereby
expresses grave concern over the threats to the islands and people of the Federated States of Micronesia if the global warming and climate change processes are not reversed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress calls upon the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to take all steps necessary to assure that the Nation's interests are appropriately represented at the negotiations toward a Framework Convention on Climate Change, and that those designated to represent the Federated States of Micronesia work diligently together with the Alliance of Small Island States toward the end that the special concerns of this Nation are addressed and find expression in the terms of the Convention; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Department of Human Resources and the Department of External Affairs.

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