SEVENTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
SECOND SPECIAL SESSION, 1992

A RESOLUTION

Respectfully requesting the President to reopen discussions with the United States Government on the Compact of Free Association and related agreements regarding regulations of and restrictions on U.S. Air carriers entering the Federated States of Micronesia.

WHEREAS, article IX of the Federal Programs and Services Agreement concluded pursuant to article II and section 232 of the Compact of Free Association prohibits the Federated States of Micronesia from regulating fares or otherwise restricting or impairing U.S. air carriers entering this country; and

WHEREAS, article IX of the Federal Programs and Services Agreement concluded pursuant to article II and section 232 of the Compact of Free Association apparently prevents the Federated States of Micronesia from protecting itself against arbitrary acts of U.S. air carriers entering this country; and

WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia has specific developmental goals including, but not limited to, securing a minimum level of air services, increasing tourism, air freighting tuna to Japan, controlling airfare increases, developing a domestic air service, obtaining Micronesian executive employment opportunities, evacuating medical patients, and so forth, all of which require air carrier assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia desires to have airlines serving this country commit to providing specific development-related services; and

WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia desires to maintain control over users and use of its airspace; now,

therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventh Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 1992, that the
Congress hereby respectfully requests the President of the
Federated States of Micronesia and the Secretary of the Department of
External Affairs to take immediate steps to reopen discussions with
the Government of the United States of America; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such discussions shall be for the
purpose of removing provisions from article IX of the Federal
Programs and Services Agreement concluded pursuant to article II
and section 232 of the Compact of Free Association, and any
other source, which restrict the Federated States of Micronesia
from regulating U.S. air carriers entering this country; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President and Secretary of the
Department of External Affairs commence activities to set up these
bilateral discussions immediately upon receipt of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President and Secretary of the
Department of External Affairs report their findings to the Congress
no later than the commencement of the Third Regular Session of the
Seventh Congress in May, 1992; and

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

Date: 2/3/92

Introduced by: Wagner M. Lawrence