A RESOLUTION

Directing the President to denounce and withdraw from all international treaties which authorize foreign fishing vessels to fish within the Exclusive Economic Zone, directing the Micronesian Maritime Authority to terminate all foreign and domestic-based fishing agreements that will not expire within one year, and to declare a moratorium on the negotiation of new fishing agreements.

1. WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia is party to various treaties and agreements which authorize vessels and nationals from foreign countries to fish within the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

2. WHEREAS, it is Congress's determination that the compensation received by this Nation pursuant to such treaties and agreements does not and could not adequately compensate it for the exploitation of our most precious resource that is taking place pursuant to such treaties and agreements, and the interests of the Nation would be furthered by withdrawing from or denouncing the treaties and terminating such agreements; and

3. WHEREAS, pursuant to section 2 of article IX of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia, Congress is given the authority to determine the treaties by which the Nation should be bound, and pursuant to section 405 of title 24 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended by Public Law No. 6-11, Congress has the authority to oversee and approve or disapprove of foreign and domestic-based fishing agreements; now, therefore,

4. BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventh Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 1992, that the Federated States of Micronesia must denounce, withdraw from, or permit to expire all foreign treaties and conventions and all fishing agreements which permit foreign vessels to fish within the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

5. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President is directed to prepare
and transmit the necessary instruments to effectuate such withdrawal
and denunciation of all such foreign treaties and conventions which
will not expire according to their own terms within one year of the
date of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Micronesian Maritime Authority
is directed to terminate any and all foreign and domestic-based
fishing agreements which authorize foreign vessels or nationals to
fish within the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Federated States of
Micronesia and which do not expire according to their own terms
within one year of the date of the passage of this resolution, and to
refrain from negotiating new foreign or domestic-based fishing
agreements for a period of two years from the date of the passage of
this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a moratorium on the negotiation and
execution of new or additional treaties, conventions and agreements
that permit foreign fishing within the Exclusive Economic Zone is
declared to be in effect for a period of two years from the date of
the passage of this resolution; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution
be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of
Micronesia, the Secretary of the Department of External Affairs, the
Governor of each State within the Federated States of Micronesia, the
Speaker of each State legislature within the Federated States of
Micronesia, and the Executive Director of the Micronesian Maritime
Authority.

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