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A RESOLUTION

Directing the President to decline the offer of a loan from the Government of the People's Republic of China for the reason that the restrictions imposed on the use of the funds are inconsistent with the National goals and priorities of the Federated States of Micronesia and constitute a serious affront and insult to the dignity of the Federated States of Micronesia as a sovereign and independent nation.

1 WHEREAS, the Government of the People's Republic of China
2 proposed to extend a loan to the Government of the Federated
3 States of Micronesia, in the sum of US \$2,000,000, for the purpose
4 of constructing a "Convention Center and Museum", and said
5 Governments have negotiated an agreement formalizing the
6 intentions of the parties with respect to the general terms of the
7 loan; and

8 WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia,
9 in consultation with other divisions and departments of the
10 National Government, determined that there is a pressing need for
11 a multipurpose facility at the new College of Micronesia - FSM
12 campus, which would serve not only as a gymnasium and auditorium
13 for the students and the citizens of Pohnpei, but would be
14 suitable for use as a convention center as well; and

15 WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Federated States of
16 Micronesia mandates, under sections 2 and 3 of article IX, that
17 Congress alone has the power to ratify agreements made by the
18 Executive with foreign governments and to borrow money on the
19 public credit at the National level; and

20 WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, the Congress of the
21 Federated States of Micronesia made it known to the Government of
22 the People's Republic of China that it would ratify the loan
23 agreement on condition that the parties agree that the money be
24 used for a multipurpose meeting facility on the site of the new
25 College of Micronesia-FSM campus under construction at Palikir;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, the Government of the People's Republic of China
3 has without reason or explanation refused to so modify the
4 agreement in disregard of the wishes of the elected
5 representatives of the people of the Federated States of
6 Micronesia, and in disregard as well of the Nation's priority on
7 developing its educational infrastructure; now, therefore,

8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Eighth Congress of the Federated
9 States of Micronesia, Third Special Session, 1995, that the
10 President be directed to advise the Government of the People's
11 Republic of China that the Federated States of Micronesia must
12 categorically decline the offer of the loan as tendered, for the
13 reason that the terms and restrictions imposed by the lender on
14 the use of the funds are inconsistent with the National goals and
15 priorities of the Federated States of Micronesia, and constitute a
16 serious affront and insult to the dignity of the Federated States
17 of Micronesia as a sovereign and independent nation in the
18 international community; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
21 of Micronesia, the Secretary of the Department of External
22 Affairs, and the Government of the People's Republic of China.

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