

A RESOLUTION

To ratify the Agreement Relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of December 10, 1982.

1       WHEREAS, the Agreement Relating to the Implementation of  
2 Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea  
3 of December 10, 1982 (hereinafter Part XI Agreement) was signed  
4 by the Federated States of Micronesia on August 10, 1994,  
5 subject to ratification by the Congress; and

6       WHEREAS, the Part XI Agreement implements Part XI of the  
7 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea; and

8       WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia acceded to the  
9 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of December 10,  
10 1982 (UNCLOS), on April 29, 1991; and

11       WHEREAS, UNCLOS comes into force on November 16, 1994; and

12       WHEREAS, Part XI of UNCLOS relates to the resources at or  
13 beneath the seabed, and under UNCLOS the seabed and the subsoil  
14 beneath the seabed have been designated as "the common heritage  
15 of mankind"; and

16       WHEREAS, PART XI and related provisions of UNCLOS establish  
17 a regime for the management and control of the seabed and ocean  
18 floor and the subsoil; and

19       WHEREAS, the Part XI Agreement implements that regime by  
20 establishing a balanced control and a fair decision making  
21 mechanism in the management and use of the seabed area and its  
22 resources; and

23       WHEREAS, ratification of the Part XI Agreement before  
24 November 16, 1994, is necessary in order to ensure that when  
25 UNCLOS comes into effect on that date, UNCLOS can be applied in

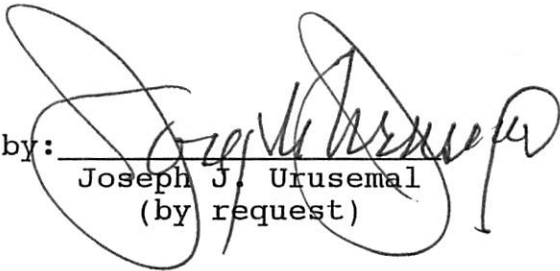
1 its entirety, in a unified manner with the Part XI Agreement;  
2 now, therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED by the Eighth Congress of the Federated  
4 States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 1994, that  
5 pursuant to section 2(b) of article IX of the Constitution of  
6 the Federated States of Micronesia, the Congress hereby ratifies  
7 the Agreement Relating to the Implementation of Part XI of the  
8 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of December 10,  
9 1982; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon receipt of this resolution  
11 by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or the  
12 Secretary of External Affairs shall lodge with the Secretary-  
13 General of the United Nations as depository, an instrument of  
14 ratification; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
16 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated  
17 States of Micronesia.

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19 Date: 4/08/94

Introduced by:   
Joseph J. Urusemal  
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