NINTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1995

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

Forming and admitting a new State to the Federated States of Micronesia, the State of the Mortlocks, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

- Section 1. Creation of the new State of the Mortlocks. There is
- 2 hereby created within the Federated States of Micronesia a new State, which
- 3 shall be known henceforth as the State of the Mortlocks, comprised of the
- 4 Upper Mortlock Islands, the Mid-Mortlock Islands, and the Lower Mortlock
- 5 Islands, currently in the State of Chuuk.
- Section 2. Admission of the Mortlocks as a State. Upon the effective
- 7 date of this act, the Mortlocks shall be admitted as a member State of the
- 8 Federated States of Micronesia, with the same rights and privileges, and
- 9 subject to the same duties and obligations, as the other member States, as
- 10 provided for in article I, section 4 of the Constitution of the Federated
- 11 States of Micronesia.
- Section 3. Establishment of marine boundaries. Prior to the 12
- 13 creation and admission of the Mortlocks as a new State, the Congress
- 14 of the Federated States of Micronesia shall enact a statute
- 15 establishing marine boundaries between the State of Chuuk, the State
- 16 of the Mortlocks, and other adjacent States, by applying the principle
- 17 of equidistance. State boundaries shall become official upon consent
- 18 of the state legislature of each respective State concerned.
- Section 4. Prospective effective date. This act shall take 19
- 20 effect January 1, 2002.
- Section 5. Effective date. This act shall become law upon
- 22 approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or
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