A RESOLUTION

Declaring Sherry O'Sullivan, a noncitizen of the Federated States of Micronesia, to be an undesirable alien, and requesting her deportation from the country under the laws of the Federated States of Micronesia.

WHEREAS, among the responsibilities of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia is to secure for the people of the Federated States of Micronesia the Constitutional guarantee of a free press which disseminates accurate, timely and truthful information to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Members of Congress believe that a free press which disseminates accurate, timely and truthful information to the public is essential to the Nation's economic, social and political development; and

WHEREAS, the publication issued under the title The FSM News, which holds itself out to the public as a source of accurate and truthful information, is and has been characterized, consistently and over a long period of time, in both the tone and content of its reporting, by gross, extreme, careless and apparently willfully malicious inaccuracies, distortions, and outright falsehoods; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of Congress that this course of conduct seriously damages and impairs the growth and development of a free press in the Federated States of Micronesia, and interferes with the dissemination of accurate, truthful and unbiased information to the people of the FSM, thereby inflicting substantial injury to the public, without protection or privilege, and to the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, it is further the sense of Congress that the editor of the FSM News, identified therein as one Sherry O'Sullivan, is
the individual primarily responsible for the above-described
malicious and false content of the publication; and

WHEREAS, Sherry O'Sullivan is not a citizen of the Federated
States of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, title 50, section 107, subsection (1) (k), provides
that the President may deport any noncitizen upon a finding that
such person's presence in the Federated States of Micronesia is
not in the best interests of the Government; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ninth Congress of the Federated States
of Micronesia, Fifth Special Session, 1997, that Sherry O'Sullivan
is hereby declared an undesirable alien in the Federated States of
Micronesia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President is hereby
requested to make a finding, based upon the conduct of Sherry
O'Sullivan in her capacity as editor of the FSM News as described
above, that her presence in the Federated States of Micronesia is
not in the best interest of the people, or the Government, of the
Federated States of Micronesia, and that proper measures be taken,
thereafter, to lawfully deport Sherry O'Sullivan from the country
in an expedient manner; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia and to Sherry O'Sullivan.

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