

A RESOLUTION

Affirming the support of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia for the free entry provisions of the Amended Compact of Free Association with the United States of America and requesting the President to continue to work in partnership with the Government of the United States to ensure the effective implementation of these provisions.

1 WHEREAS, under the Amended Compact of Free Association
2 between the United States of America and the Federated States
3 of Micronesia, and in furtherance of the special and unique
4 relationship that exists between our two nations, citizens of
5 each of our nations are permitted to enter, work, and reside in
6 the other without obtaining any immigration permit or
7 clearance; and

8 WHEREAS, on May 12, 2011, a number of members of the
9 United States Congress wrote a letter to the United States
10 Secretary of State and Secretary of the Interior expressing
11 their view that the current implementation of these free entry
12 provisions with respect to the Freely Associated States,
13 including the Federated States of Micronesia, is unsustainable
14 due to the increasing reliance of migrants on social services
15 in the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, the letter advocated the consideration of
17 screening measures by the governments of the Freely Associated
18 States to reduce migration by those of their citizens likely to
19 become so reliant, and the diversion of a portion of Compact

1 sector grant assistance to measures in those states aimed at
2 reducing such outward migration; and

3 WHEREAS, the Amended Compact currently requires citizens
4 of the Federated States of Micronesia to be able to show
5 sufficient means of support in the United States of America;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
8 provides that everyone has the right to leave any country,
9 including his own; now, therefore,

10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventeenth Congress of the
11 Federated States of Micronesia, First Special Session, 2011,
12 that Congress affirms its support for the free entry provisions
13 of the Amended Compact of Free Association with the United
14 States of America, while recognizing the challenges such a
15 policy may present; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress requests the
17 President to continue to work in partnership with the
18 Government of the United States to ensure that the free entry
19 provisions continue to be implemented as contemplated by the
20 Amended Compact, including enforcement of the requirement that
21 citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia residing in the
22 United States have sufficient means of support; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress authorizes the
24 President to negotiate for additional assistance in the
25 education and health sectors to reduce the pressure for outward

1 migration by our citizens; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress requests the
3 President to oppose any proposed screening measures as
4 violative of the terms of the Amended Compact and of the human
5 rights of citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia to
6 leave their own country; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
8 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated
9 States of Micronesia.

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11 Date: 8/2/11

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