

A RESOLUTION

Expressing gratitude and appreciation to the leaders and representatives of the Micronesians United of Hawaii, the Island Tenants on the Rise, and the United Church of Christ who visited the Federated States of Micronesia in an effort to solicit help and support to further their efforts to assist FSM citizens living in the United States.

1 WHEREAS, the Micronesians United of Hawaii, the Island
2 Tenants on the Rise and the United Church of Christ have, over the
3 years, provided a great deal of help, support and assistance to
4 many citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia who are living
5 in the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, some of the leaders and representatives of the
7 Micronesians United of Hawaii, the Island Tenants on the Rise, and
8 the United Church of Christ visited the Federated States of
9 Micronesia during the Second Special Session of the Twelfth
10 Congress; and

11 WHEREAS, these leaders and representatives include the
12 Reverend Ron Fujiyoshi of the United Church of Christ, Ms. Monique
13 Ocampo, President of the Island Tenants on the Rise, Ms. Traci
14 Konrat, Outreach Worker at the Kokua Kalihi Valley Clinic, and Mr.
15 Benito Muritok, Ms. Meriko Route, Ms. Maria Narruhn, Mr. Peterson
16 Santos, Ahm Sepety, the Reverend Ranet John and Mr. Bruno Lat of
17 Micronesians United of Hawaii; and

18 WHEREAS, these leaders and representatives met with Members
19 of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Vice
20 President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the staff and

1 members of the Joint Committee on Compact Economic Negotiations,
2 the Department of Foreign Affairs, and other appropriate leaders
3 and entities of the FSM National Government; and

4 WHEREAS, these meetings were held to solicit help and support
5 to further the efforts of these non-governmental organizations,
6 the United Church of Christ, and the many other supporting
7 organizations to assist the many FSM citizens living in the United
8 States; and

9 WHEREAS, many of these leaders and representatives traveled
10 to the Federated States of Micronesia at their own expense to also
11 share some of their own personal stories and concerns over issues
12 involved in obtaining or reinstating benefits, such as free
13 legal aid, housing assistance, food stamps and health insurance,
14 among others; and

15 WHEREAS, the Micronesians United of Hawaii, the Island
16 Tenants on the Rise, the United Church of Christ, and many other
17 non-governmental organizations often provide an influential voice
18 on behalf of FSM citizens who seek these benefits and a better
19 life in Hawaii and elsewhere in the United States; now, therefore,

20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twelfth Congress of the Federated
21 States of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 2002, that the
22 Congress expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation for the
23 visit and assistance rendered by the Micronesians United of
24 Hawaii, the Island Tenants on the Rise, the United Church of
25 Christ, and the many other non-governmental organizations which
26 assist FSM citizens living in Hawaii and elsewhere in the United

1 States;

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
3 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
4 of Micronesia, the President and representatives of the
5 Micronesians United of Hawaii who traveled to the Federated States
6 of Micronesia, Ms. Monique Ocampo, President of the Island Tenants
7 on the Rise and the Reverend Ronald Fujiyoshi of the United Church
8 of Christ.

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10 Date: _____ Introduced by: _____
Henry Asugar