

A RESOLUTION

Calling upon the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to request the assistance of the Government of the United States in studying the effects of the United States Nuclear Testing Program on the territory and populations of the Federated States of Micronesia, and in securing just compensation for victims of radiation exposure as a consequence of activities related to the U.S. Government's nuclear tests in Micronesia.

1           WHEREAS from 1946 to 1963, the United States conducted more  
2 than 60 atmospheric nuclear tests at sites in the Trust Territory  
3 of the Pacific Islands, in areas that are now within the Republic  
4 of the Marshall Islands; and

5           WHEREAS recently declassified documents from the United  
6 States Department of Energy indicated that the impact of these  
7 tests was considerably greater than formerly thought; and

8           WHEREAS areas of what is now the Federated States of  
9 Micronesia are immediately adjacent to affected lands of the  
10 Republic of the Marshall Islands; and

11          WHEREAS, on October 1990, in order to establish a procedure  
12 to make partial restitution to radiation exposure victims for  
13 their suffering, President George H. Bush signed into law the  
14 Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA), which established the  
15 Radiation Exposure Compensation Program (RECP) within the Civil  
16 Division of the Department of Justice to administer its  
17 responsibilities under the Act; now, therefore,

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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Thirteenth Congress of the Federated  
2 States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 2004, that the  
3 President of the Federated States of Micronesia is urged to  
4 immediately call upon the Government of the United States to study  
5 the possible long-term effects on the land, water and people of  
6 the Federated States of Micronesia as a result of its Nuclear  
7 Testing Program in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and to  
8 secure just compensation for victims of radiation exposure as a  
9 consequence of activities related to U.S. Government's nuclear  
10 tests in Micronesia; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
12 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States  
13 of Micronesia, the President of the United States of America, the  
14 Congress of the United States of America, the Governors of the  
15 four FSM states, the United States Ambassador to the Federated  
16 States of Micronesia and the Secretariat of the Association of  
17 Pacific Island Legislatures for and on behalf of the Governments  
18 of the APIL member states.

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20 Date: 10/26/04

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