

A RESOLUTION

Expressing the heartfelt condolences of the Thirteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to the victims of the December 26, 2004, earthquake and tsunami.

1           WHEREAS, a magnitude 9.0 earthquake occurred in the Indian  
2 Ocean north of the island of Sumatra at 12:59 GMT, December 26,  
3 2004; and

4           WHEREAS, the earthquake caused widespread loss of life and  
5 property in nearby areas of Indonesia; and

6           WHEREAS, the earthquake generated catastrophic tsunamis that  
7 hit the coastal areas of Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, India,  
8 Maldives, Malaysia and other nations throughout Asia and Africa;  
9 and

10           WHEREAS, as a result of the disaster an estimated 226,000  
11 persons have died with many more missing and feared dead,  
12 thousands have been injured, millions have been made homeless, and  
13 there has been untold and unprecedented property damage; and

14           WHEREAS, the Secretary-General of the United Nations has  
15 stated that "what happened on 26 December 2004 was an  
16 unprecedented, global catastrophe. It requires a global,  
17 unprecedented response."; and

18           WHEREAS, many of the affected nations and peoples enjoy warm  
19 and close relations with the Federated States of Micronesia; now,  
20 therefore,

21           BE IT RESOLVED by the Thirteenth Congress of the Federated

1 States of Micronesia, Fifth Regular Session, 2005, that the  
2 Congress expresses its profound sympathy to the Governments and  
3 peoples of Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, India, Maldives and  
4 Malaysia over the loss of life, livelihoods and property from the  
5 disaster;

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress encourages continued  
7 efforts by the Government and people of the Federated States of  
8 Micronesia to assist in any way possible in the disaster recovery  
9 effort;

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress urges the people of  
11 the Federated States of Micronesia to provide solace to victims of  
12 the disaster and keep the plight of those affected by the disaster  
13 in their thoughts and prayers;

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this

1 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States  
2 of Micronesia and to representatives of the Governments concerned  
3 through the Department of Foreign Affairs and its relevant  
4 overseas missions.

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7 Date: 1/24/05

Introduced by: /s/ Isaac V. Figir  
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