

A RESOLUTION

Calling on the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to request that Compact Supplemental Education Grant (SEG) funds be appropriated by the US Congress on the same basis as Compact sector grant assistance.

1           WHEREAS, Section 105(f)(B)(iii) of US Public Law No. 108-188  
2 approving the Compact of Free Association amendments of 2003  
3 extends Supplemental Education Grants (SEGs) to the FSM in lieu of  
4 education programs available under the 1986 Compact but not  
5 extended to the FSM under the Compact amendments of 2003; and

6           WHEREAS, under this law, SEG funds are currently subject to  
7 annual appropriation by the US Congress; and

8           WHEREAS, sector grant assistance under Article 211 of the  
9 Compact, including the education sector, are subject to the  
10 provisions of Section 233 of the Compact, which constitutes a  
11 multi-year appropriation pledge; and

12           WHEREAS, the ability of the FSM state and national  
13 governments to plan education programs covered by the SEGs has  
14 been hampered by uncertainty resulting from the US Congress  
15 annual appropriation process and delays in releasing these funds  
16 to the FSM; and

17           WHEREAS, many of the programs funded through SEGs require  
18 advance planning beyond the annual budget cycle, such as those  
19 programs funding scholarships for higher education students, now  
20 therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourteenth Congress of the Federated  
2 States of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 2006, that the  
3 Congress requests the President to direct the Secretary of Foreign  
4 Affairs to propose amendments to the Compact to allow for SEG  
5 funds to be appropriated subject to Article 233 of the Compact and  
6 in the amounts specified under Section 105(f) (B) (iii) (I) of US  
7 Public Law No. 108-188; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
9 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States  
10 of Micronesia, the Governor of each State, the Secretary of  
11 Health, Education and Social Affairs, the Secretary of Foreign  
12 Affairs, the Director of the Office of Compact Management, and the  
13 United States Embassy in Kolonia.

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15 Date: 3/1/06

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