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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To approve the admission of the State of Mortlocks as the fifth state of the Federated States of Micronesia, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

1           Section 1. Admission. Subject to all procedural  
2 requirements set out in chapter 9 of title 1 of the Code of the  
3 Federated States of Micronesia hereby approves the admission of  
4 the State of Mortlocks as the fifth state of the Federated States  
5 of Micronesia upon that date.

6           Section 2. Territory. The territory of the State of  
7 Mortlocks shall consist of the islands or municipalities of Nama,  
8 Losap, Pis Emwar, Namoluk, Ettal, Moch, Kuttu, Ta, Satowan,  
9 Lekinioch and Oneop, including reefs, shoals, banks, sands, oceans  
10 and other natural landmarks bearing the names of identifies known  
11 in any of the dialects of the State and any other territory of  
12 water belonging to the State by historic right, custom or legal  
13 title. Unless limited by law, this territory shall also include a  
14 marine space of 200 nautical miles measured outward from  
15 appropriate baselines, as well as the related seabed, subsoil,  
16 water column, insular and continental shelves and airspace over  
17 land and water. Each municipality shall be comprised of the  
18 island or islands with reefs, shoals, banks, sands, oceans and  
19 other natural landmarks bearing the names or identities known in  
20 any of the local dialects of each municipality as established by  
21 traditional boundaries. The Mortlocks State Government shall be

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1 authorized to settle the boundary line with the Chuuk State  
2 Government in the event of a dispute arising in accordance with  
3 applicable law. Existing traditional landmarks, well known and  
4 agreed upon the adjacent municipalities shall determine the  
5 boundaries between municipalities. In the event of a dispute over  
6 municipal boundaries, the traditional leaders of the relevant  
7 municipalities shall settle the dispute by peaceful and  
8 traditional means. The Mortlocks State Supreme Court shall  
9 adjudicate disputes over municipal boundaries in the event that  
10 traditional means are unsuccessful.

11 Section 3. Transition. If, on January 1, 2010, all  
12 procedural requirements set out in chapter 9 of title 1 of the  
13 Code of the Federated States of Micronesia have been met, the  
14 State of Mortlocks shall become the fifth State of the Federated  
15 States of Micronesia. The Mortlocks Commission for Statehood  
16 shall then appoint, by election, the officials of an interim  
17 government.

18 Section 4. First General Election. The first general  
19 election for the State of Mortlocks will be held on the first  
20 Tuesday following the first Monday in the month of March three  
21 years following the grant of statehood, or earlier if directed by  
22 the Mortlocks Commission for Statehood. The Governor, Lieutenant  
23 Governor and members of the First Legislature shall be elected in  
24 the first general election. Each shall serve a full term. The  
25 term of the members of the First Legislature shall begin on the

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1 first Monday in May following the general election and the  
2 Legislature shall convene at 10:00 a.m. on the day. The first  
3 municipal elections shall be held on the same day as the first  
4 general election.

5 Section 6. Appointments. The elected office holders shall  
6 make such appointments or confirmations as are necessary,  
7 consistent with any statutes adopted pursuant thereto.

8 Section 7. Adoption of the laws of the State of Chuuk. Any  
9 applicable statute in the State of Chuuk shall remain in effect in  
10 the State of Mortlocks until it is superseded by other laws.

11 Section 8. Survival of actions and other matters. Any  
12 current or pending writ, suit, proceeding, civil or criminal  
13 liability, prosecution, judgment, sentence, order, decree, appeal,  
14 cause of action, defense, contract, claim, title of right shall  
15 remain live and shall remain the responsibility of the State of  
16 Chuuk until concurrent statutes are established by the Mortlocks  
17 State Government.

18 Section 9. This act shall become law upon approval by the  
19 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon it  
20 becoming law without such approval.

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22 Date: 8/23/07

Introduced by: /s/ Peter Sitan  
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