

A RESOLUTION

Ratify the Treaty between the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau concerning Maritime Boundaries and Cooperation on Related matters.

1           WHEREAS, the jurisdiction over certain territory and waters  
2 of the Federated States of Micronesia is set forth in Article I of  
3 the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia and further  
4 elaborated upon in Title 18 of the Code of the Federated States of  
5 Micronesia, including assertion of an exclusive economic zone  
6 extending for 200 miles outward from baselines;

7           WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Federated States of  
8 Micronesia permits limitations of jurisdiction over waters  
9 pursuant to international treaty obligations;

10          WHEREAS, the exclusive economic zones of the Federated States  
11 of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau are overlapping in some  
12 areas;

13          WHEREAS, the international practice in this circumstance is  
14 to negotiate a treaty establishing the boundaries of each nation's  
15 waters;

16          WHEREAS, the Treaty between the Federated States of  
17 Micronesia and the Republic of Palau concerning Maritime  
18 Boundaries and Cooperation on Related matters establishes a line  
19 of delimitation between the exclusive zones and the continental  
20 shelves over which each nation respectively exercises sovereign  
21 right;

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1           WHEREAS, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia  
2 and the Republic of Palau have signed the Treaty between the  
3 Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau  
4 concerning Maritime Boundaries and Cooperation on Related matters;

5           WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia  
6 has not yet ratified the Treaty between the Federated States of  
7 Micronesia and the Republic of Palau concerning Maritime  
8 Boundaries and Cooperation on Related matters and now desires to  
9 do so; now therefore,

10          BE IT RESOLVED by the Fifteenth Congress of the Federated  
11 States of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 2007, that the  
12 Congress hereby ratifies the Treaty between the Federated States  
13 of Micronesia and the Republic of Palau, on behalf of the  
14 Federated States of Micronesia; and

15          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
16 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States  
17 of Micronesia and the Secretary of the Department of Foreign  
18 Affairs.

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20 Date: 9/03/07

Introduced by: /s/ Resio S. Moses (for)  
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(by request)

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