

A RESOLUTION

Requesting the Honorable members of the United States House of Representatives, and Senators from the State of Hawaii, the Territory of Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands to sponsor an amendment to the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) to include the citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia as eligible to make claims under the Act.

1 WHEREAS, the United States military tested at least sixty-
2 seven nuclear weapons in the territory that is now the Republic of
3 the Marshall Islands; and

4 WHEREAS, the resulting radioactive contamination and fallout
5 was global in scope, but concentrated in the region comprising the
6 Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall
7 Islands; and

8 WHEREAS, the post-testing cleanup efforts were protracted and
9 difficult and involved many laborers who were and are citizens of
10 the Federated States of Micronesia; and

11 WHEREAS, the health of many citizens of the Federated States
12 of Micronesia was severely affected by direct and indirect
13 exposure to radiation due to United States nuclear testing in the
14 region; and

15 WHEREAS, the people affected by United States nuclear
16 testing, and their surviving relatives, deserve just compensation
17 for medical conditions and hardships imposed by United States
18 nuclear testing; now, therefore,

19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated

1 States of Micronesia, Fifth Regular Session, 2010, that the
2 Congress requests the honorable members of the United States House
3 of Representatives and Senators from the State of Hawaii, the
4 Territory of Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the
5 Northern Marianas Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and
6 the U.S. Virgin Islands to sponsor an amendment to the Radiation
7 Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) to include the citizens of the
8 Federated States of Micronesia as eligible to make claims under
9 the Act; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
11 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
12 of Micronesia, to the Speaker of the Congress of the Federated
13 States of Micronesia, to the Governor of each FSM state, to the
14 presiding officers of each state legislature, and to the U.S.
15 Congressional delegations of the State of Hawaii, the Territory of
16 Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas
17 Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin
18 Islands.

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20 Date: 9/20/10

Introduced by: /s/ Setiro Paul
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