

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 17-20

RE: C.R. NO. 17-32/EX AFF

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. GERSON
JACKSON TO THE POSITION OF FSM
AMBASSADOR PLENIPOTENTIARY TO FIJI

AUGUST 04, 2011

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir
Speaker, Seventeenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
First Special Session 2011

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on External Affairs, to which was referred
C.R. No. 17-32, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR.
GERSON JACKSON TO THE POSITION OF FSM AMBASSADOR
PLENIPOTENTIARY TO FIJI.",

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee emphasizes our country's commitment to its close relationship with Fiji, other countries in the South Pacific and Fiji-based international organizations, and the need to continue to operate its overseas diplomatic office with efficiency, integrity and the highest levels of expertise regarding the policy issues affecting this relationship. The Ambassador, as the face of our country in Fiji and the South Pacific, plays an important role in the high-level policy discussions between our countries. Therefore, it would be in the best interests of our country to have an ambassador who is able to forge strong relationships with our international partners and has an in-depth knowledge of the relevant policy issues.

Your Committee has reviewed the qualifications of this nominee extensively, including his educational background and professional experience. It notes he has served the Federated States of Micronesia at the highest levels,

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including his recent service as Consul General of Guam. The nominee served our country as its representative in Guam satisfactorily, and assisted our people residing in the Territory of Guam. He has the knowledge and experience regarding our country's foreign and domestic policies, and current international issues, that are essential to represent the Federated States of Micronesia. Your Committee has not received any communication that would cast doubt on the performance or integrity of this nominee. Further, your Committee defers to the President and the Department as to the decision to put forward this nominee. Absent any contrary indication, your Committee believes this nominee should be confirmed, and so, strongly recommends Mr. Gerson Jackson be confirmed as soon as possible as the FSM Ambassador Plenipotentiary to Fiji.

Your Committee on External Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 17-32, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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Paliknoa K. Welly, chairman

/s/ Tiwiter Aritos
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/s/ Isaac V. Figir
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