

A RESOLUTION

To amend section 1(b) of Rule 11 of the Official Rules of Procedure for the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to provide that all witnesses testifying before Congressional Committees shall be administered an oath.

1           WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of  
2 Micronesia is comprised of democratically elected Members who  
3 directly represent the interests of the people of this Nation;  
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5           WHEREAS, it is the duty of a Congressional Committee to  
6 make diligent and careful inquiry and investigation into all  
7 the facts and circumstances connected with any matter referred  
8 to it under its jurisdiction; and

9           WHEREAS, it is the right of Congressional Committees to  
10 receive the truth from testifying witnesses, and also the law  
11 that testifying witnesses should not give false statements; and

12           WHEREAS, it is the belief of Congress that recently it  
13 has been gravely misled by witnesses testifying at  
14 Congressional Committee Hearings; now, therefore,

15           BE IT RESOLVED ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE by the Eighteenth  
16 Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular  
17 Session, 2014, that section 1(b) of Rule 11 of the Official  
18 Rules of Procedure for the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated  
19 States of Micronesia be amended as follows:

20           “(b) The Speaker, committee chairmen, [~~and~~] other

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1 authorized Members, or staff attorney ~~[may]~~ shall  
2 administer an oath to all witnesses appearing before a  
3 committee of Congress. The oath should read  
4 substantially as follows:

5 'I do solemnly swear that I will tell the whole  
6 truth and nothing but the truth in the deliberations  
7 before this committee of the Congress of the  
8 Federated States of Micronesia.'"; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eighteenth Congress of  
10 the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session,  
11 2014, hereby urges the Speaker to, as soon as practicable,  
12 ensure a sign shall be displayed in the Congressional Hearing  
13 Room which reads:

14 "Pursuant to sections 522 and 523 of title 11 of the Code  
15 of the Federated States of Micronesia, false statements made  
16 under oath are a crime against public administration punishable  
17 by up to 5 years in prison."; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eighteenth Congress of  
19 the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session,  
20 2014, hereby urges the Speaker to, as soon as practicable,  
21 ensure that recording equipment is installed in the  
22 Congressional Hearing Room to allow for the recording of  
23 testimony at Congressional Hearings; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this

1 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated  
2 States of Micronesia.

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4 Date: 5/28/14

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