

A RESOLUTION

Expressing concern over the torment and cruelty appearing in broadcast images of recent executions carried out in the state of Iraq and calling upon the nations of the world to eliminate abuse and torment in carrying out executions.

1           WHEREAS, the people of the Federated States of Micronesia  
2 have repudiated the death penalty as a means of criminal  
3 punishment or deterrence through the adoption of a Constitution  
4 which prohibits capital punishment; and

5           WHEREAS, recent media attention given to the executions of  
6 certain internationally prominent persons within the sovereign  
7 nation of Iraq has provided disturbing and unsettling images of a  
8 process that was unnecessarily cruel and demeaning of human  
9 dignity; and,

10          WHEREAS, those images will live on not only in the minds of  
11 the people of Micronesia, but also people throughout the world;  
12 and,

13          WHEREAS, this Congress believes that any process which  
14 permits, whether intentional or otherwise, abuse and torment of a  
15 condemned person is contrary to any standard of decency expected  
16 of a civilized society and should not be tolerated in the  
17 community of nations, and,

18          WHEREAS, this Congress further believes that all nations of  
19 the world, whether such nations sanction or oppose the use of the

1 death penalty, agree that all mankind should eliminate the  
2 practice of intentional human cruelty in whatever form and  
3 wherever it may occur, including any process by which a death  
4 penalty is imposed.

5       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourteenth Congress of the  
6 Federated States of Micronesia that the Congress hereby reaffirms  
7 the rejection by the people of the Micronesia of the death penalty  
8 as a form of punishment or deterrence in Micronesia and further  
9 expresses its deep concern with the disturbing images broadcast  
10 throughout the world resulting from recent executions in the  
11 sovereign nation of Iraq;

12       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Congress urges all members  
13 of the international community of nations join together to insure  
14 that condemned persons in countries that do sanction capital  
15 punishment not be exposed to unnecessary cruelty and torment while  
16 awaiting execution and that the imposition of that penalty occur  
17 in a humane and dignified environment.

18       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
19 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States  
20 of Micronesia, the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, and the Governor  
21 of each FSM State.

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23 Date: 1/19/07

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