C.R. NO. 14-73

## A RESOLUTION

Requesting the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to undertake discussions with the United States regarding continuing eligibility of the FSM for projects funded through the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) of the US Federal Aviation Administration.

- 1 WHEREAS, the US Federal Aviation Administration has
- 2 generously provided grant assistance to the FSM for the purpose of
- 3 funding various infrastructure improvements to airports in each of
- 4 the four states; and
- 5 WHEREAS, these programs have been vital to the economic
- 6 development of the FSM and to ensuring the safety of air
- 7 transportation throughout the region; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the Airport Improvement Project (AIP) is subject to
- 9 US Congressional review and reauthorization in 2007, including
- 10 continuing eligibility of the Freely Associated States (FAS),
- 11 including the FSM; now, therefore
- 12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourteenth Congress of the Federated
- 13 States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 2006 that the
- 14 Congress requests the President to direct the Secretary of Foreign
- 15 Affairs and other relevant officials to engage in discussions with
- 16 appropriate US Government agencies to encourage maintenance of FSM
- 17 eligibility for the AIP beyond 2007; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
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   resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
 3 of Micronesia, the Governor of each State, the Secretary of
 4 Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure, the Secretary of
 5 Foreign Affairs, and the United States Embassy in Kolonia.
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