To appropriate the sum of $250,000 from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005 in support of Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

Section 1. Purpose. On August 28 and 29, the southern areas of the United States, in particular the States of Louisiana and Mississippi were hit by the devastating hurricane Katrina, which caused extensive loss of life, property and economic activity; injured many residents in the impacted areas; left countless others homeless; and essentially destroyed the city of New Orleans. Governments and private citizens from around the world have joined in providing financial aid and other assistance in support of relief efforts in the affected areas. On a number of occasions in the past, the Federated States of Micronesia has, itself, suffered extensive human and economic loss as a result of natural disasters. In such circumstances, the FSM and its people have been the grateful recipients of aid and support from the United States and other nations, peoples and international organizations. The Federated States of Micronesia believes that, just as the United States have come to the aid of the FSM and its people in times of crisis, this nation should support the United States during their time of need. Accordingly, it is fitting that the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, on behalf of
the nation and its people, appropriate funds in support of the hurricane Katrina relief effort.

Section 2. The sum of $250,000 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, for relief efforts in aid of the victims of hurricane Katrina. The funds appropriated under this section shall be contributed to The Micronesia Red Cross Society to be used exclusively for the purpose identified herein.

Section 3. Allotment and management of funds and lapse date.

(1) All funds appropriated by this act shall be allotted, managed, administered, and accounted for in accordance with applicable law, including but not limited to, the Financial Management Act of 1979. The allottee of the funds appropriated under this act shall be the President of the Federated States of Micronesia.

(2) The allottee of the funds appropriated herein shall be responsible for ensuring that these funds, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are used solely for the purpose specified herein, and shall report back to the Congress on the status of these funds no later than September 30, 2006. The authority of the allottee to obligate such funds shall lapse on September 30, 2006.

Section 4. This act shall become law upon approval by the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming law without such approval.
Date: 9/13/05

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