

A RESOLUTION

Expressing appreciation to the Australian Parliament for inviting and hosting a delegation from the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, in affording the delegation an opportunity to meet and learn from the Parliament Presiding Officers, Honourable Members of Parliament, Department Ministers, Local Parliamentary Assemblies and Government Leaders, Agencies on Fisheries and Tourism, other agencies and learning institutions, and tourist establishments in Canberra, Sydney and Cairns, and to the Government and people of Australia for their gracious assistance, and warm hospitality.

1 WHEREAS, the Presiding Officers of the Australian Parliament,
2 the Honourable Paul Calvert, President of the Senate, and the
3 Honourable David Hawker MP, Speaker of the House of
4 Representatives, have graciously invited and hosted a delegation
5 from the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

6 WHEREAS, this visit to Australia took place in August 6
7 through 14, 2006, when a FSM Congress delegation, headed by the
8 Honourable Simiram Sipenuk, Floor Leader of the Fourteenth
9 Congress and Senators Ramon Peyal of Yap and Dion G. Neth of
10 Pohnpei, and Chief Clerk Liwiana K. Ramon, was able to meet with
11 counterparts in the Australian Parliament, in the Legislative
12 Assemblies of Canberra and Sydney, civic leaders in Cairns,
13 Government agencies and Commissions on fisheries and tourism,
14 other agencies and learning institutions, and tourists
15 establishments in Canberra, Sydney and Cairns, thereby deriving
16 invaluable insight and understanding about their operations; and

17 WHEREAS, through such meetings, interactions and
18 associations, the delegation members were able to engage in

1 valuable and meaningful exchanges, gathered useful information,
2 and established networks and relationships with the hosts, with
3 the officials and citizens of the cities of Canberra, Sydney and
4 Cairns, and with all others who contributed to the success of the
5 programme; and

6 WHEREAS, the Congress is extremely appreciative and grateful
7 to the Parliament of Australia and its presiding officers, and the
8 people and Government of Australia for financing the trip and
9 putting together a programme that was highly informative and
10 enjoyable; and

11 WHEREAS, the Congress is also appreciative of the services
12 rendered by the Parliamentary Relations Office and its Assistant
13 Director, Ms. Lynette Witheridge, who accompanied the Congress
14 delegation throughout the trip, for her professionalism and caring
15 attitude; and now, therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourteenth Congress of the Federated
17 States of Micronesia, Fifth Regular Session, 2006, that the
18 Congress hereby extends its grateful appreciation and thanks to
19 the Parliament of Australia and the Australian Government for
20 being a wonderful host; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this

1 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
2 of Micronesia, the Australian Embassy in Pohnpei, Parliament of
3 Australia, Government of Australia, and Ms. Lynette Witheridge.

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5 Date: 9/12/06

Introduced by: /s/ Simiram Sipenuk
Simiram Sipenuk

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/s/ Ramon Peyal
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