

A RESOLUTION

Ratifying the Treaty between the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands concerning Maritime Boundaries and Cooperation on Related matters.

1 WHEREAS, the jurisdiction over certain territory and waters
2 of the Federated States of Micronesia is set forth in Article I of
3 the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia and further
4 elaborated upon in title 18 of the Code of the Federated States of
5 Micronesia, including assertion of an exclusive economic zone
6 extending for 200 miles outward from baselines;

7 WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Federated States of
8 Micronesia permits limitation of jurisdiction over waters pursuant
9 to international treaty obligations;

10 WHEREAS, the exclusive economic zones of the Federated States
11 of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands are
12 overlapping in some areas;

13 WHEREAS, the international practice in this circumstance is
14 to negotiate a treaty establishing the boundaries of each nation's
15 waters;

16 WHEREAS, the Treaty between the Federated States of
17 Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands concerning
18 Maritime Boundaries and Cooperation on Related matters establishes
19 a line of delimitation between the exclusive economic zones and

1 the continental shelves over which each nation respectively
2 exercises sovereign rights;

3 WHEREAS, the Presidents of the Federated States of Micronesia
4 and the Republic of the Marshall Islands have signed the Treaty
5 between the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the
6 Marshall Islands concerning Maritime Boundaries and Cooperation on
7 related matters;

8 WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
9 has not yet ratified the Treaty between the Federated States of
10 Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands concerning
11 Maritime Boundaries and Cooperation on related matters and now
12 desires to do so; now therefore,

13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourteenth Congress of the Federated
14 States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2007, that the
15 Congress hereby ratifies the Treaty between the Republic of the
16 Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia, on behalf
17 of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
20 of Micronesia and the Secretary of the Department of Foreign
21 Affairs.

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23 Date: 1/9/07

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(by request)

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