A RESOLUTION

Recognizing Mr. Mau Piailug of the Island of Satawal in the State of Yap for his accomplishments in traditional navigation.

WHEREAS, Mr. Mau Piailug of the Island of Satawal in the State of Yap is a traditional navigator who has been instrumental in resurrecting traditional navigation skills for the peoples of the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mau Piailug was the first navigator of the Hawaiian sailing vessel, Hokule‘a, which he guided 2,300 miles to Tahiti in 1976, the first completed voyage without navigational instruments in over 600 years on an ancestral Pacific sea route; and

WHEREAS, the success of Mr. Mau Piailug’s navigation to Tahiti helped to spark pride in the Pacific cultures and a renaissance of voyaging, canoe building and non-instrument navigation that has continued to grow, spreading across the Pacific and reaching the far corners of Aotearoa and Rapa Nui; and

WHEREAS, key to this renaissance was Mr. Mau Piailug’s decision to teach people outside of Micronesia traditional navigation so they themselves could then navigate; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mau Piailug had been chosen by his grandfather to be a navigator at the age of one, to ensure the continuation of a long unbroken line of ancestral navigators; and
WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia congratulates Mr. Mau Piailug for his inspiring accomplishments, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2007, that the Congress hereby expresses its recognition and appreciation to Mr. Mau Piailug for his accomplishments;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Governor of Yap, the Speaker of Yap Legislature and Mr. Mau Piailug.

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