

A RESOLUTION

Thanking the U.S. Embassy in Kolonia, Pohnpei, the Pacific Basin Rotary Club, the Guam Community, the U.S. 374<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing at Yokota Air Base in Japan and the Anderson Air Force Base in Guam for the continued Operation Christmas Drop to the remote islands in the Federated States of Micronesia.

1           WHEREAS, Operation Christmas Drop, airdrop of humanitarian  
2 gifts by U.S. Air Force to the remote islands in the Federated  
3 States of Micronesia, started in 1952 by the U.S. Air Force 54<sup>th</sup>  
4 Weather Reconnaissance Squadron flying over Kapingamarangi,  
5 Pohnpei State; and

6           WHEREAS, the U.S. Air Force has performed these Operation  
7 Christmas Drops for 54 years, even through typhoons and tsunami  
8 relief, and has never missed a single year; and

9           WHEREAS, Operation Christmas Drop is a product of  
10 collaborative efforts by the U.S. Air Force at Anderson Air Force  
11 Base in Guam and at Yokota Air Force Base in Japan, the Pacific  
12 Basin Rotary Club, civilian organizations and members of the Guam  
13 Community; and

14           WHEREAS, from December 16 to 19 2006, three U.S. Air Force  
15 C-130 delivered to the outlying islands of Chuuk, Pohnpei and Yap  
16 about 140 crates of goods containing new or serviceable clothes,  
17 fishing and snorkeling equipment, non-battery operated toys and  
18 non-perusable foods among other items; and

19           WHEREAS, Christmas 2006 commemorated the 54<sup>th</sup> year of  
20 Operation Christmas Drop in the Micronesian islands making it the

1 world's longest running humanitarian gift-drop to thousands of  
2 residents in the remote islands in the Federated States of  
3 Micronesia; now therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourteenth Congress of the Federated  
5 States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2007, that the  
6 Congress hereby expresses its appreciation to the Pacific Basin  
7 Rotary Club, civilian organizations and members of the Guam  
8 community, and especially the Anderson Air Force Base in Guam and  
9 the Yokota Air Force Base in Japan for ensuring happy holidays for  
10 thousands of residents on the remote islands in Federated States  
11 of Micronesia;

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
13 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States  
14 of Micronesia, the Governors of Pohnpei, Chuuk and Yap, the  
15 Pacific Basin Rotary Club in Guam, the Guam Community, the  
16 Anderson Air Force Base in Guam, the Yokota Air Force Base in  
17 Japan and the U.S. Embassy in Kolonia Pohnpei.

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19 Date: 1/18/07

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