A RESOLUTION

Thanking the U.S. Embassy in Kolonia, Pohnpei, the Pacific Basin Rotary Club, the Guam Community, the U.S. 374th 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.

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Christmas 2006 commemorated the 54th year of Operation Christmas Drop in the Micronesian islands making it the
world's longest running humanitarian gift-drop to thousands of residents in the remote islands in the Federated States of Micronesia; 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 appreciation to the Pacific Basin Rotary Club, civilian organizations and members of the Guam community, and especially the Anderson Air Force Base in Guam and the Yokota Air Force Base in Japan for ensuring happy holidays for thousands of residents on the remote islands in Federated States of Micronesia;

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

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