A RESOLUTION

Expressing concern over the torment and cruelty appearing in broadcast images of recent executions carried out in the state of Iraq and calling upon the nations of the world to eliminate abuse and torment in carrying out executions.

WHEREAS, the people of the Federated States of Micronesia have repudiated the death penalty as a means of criminal punishment or deterrence through the adoption of a Constitution which prohibits capital punishment; and

WHEREAS, recent media attention given to the executions of certain internationally prominent persons within the sovereign nation of Iraq has provided disturbing and unsettling images of a process that was unnecessarily cruel and demeaning of human dignity; and,

WHEREAS, those images will live on not only in the minds of the people of Micronesia, but also people throughout the world; and,

WHEREAS, this Congress believes that any process which permits, whether intentional or otherwise, abuse and torment of a condemned person is contrary to any standard of decency expected of a civilized society and should not be tolerated in the community of nations, and,

WHEREAS, this Congress further believes that all nations of the world, whether such nations sanction or oppose the use of the
death penalty, agree that all mankind should eliminate the
practice of intentional human cruelty in whatever form and
wherever it may occur, including any process by which a death
penalty is imposed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourteenth Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia that the Congress hereby reaffirms
the rejection by the people of the Micronesia of the death penalty
as a form of punishment or deterrence in Micronesia and further
expresses its deep concern with the disturbing images broadcast
throughout the world resulting from recent executions in the
sovereign nation of Iraq;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Congress urges all members
of the international community of nations join together to insure
that condemned persons in countries that do sanction capital
punishment not be exposed to unnecessary cruelty and torment while
awaiting execution and that the imposition of that penalty occur
in a humane and dignified environment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
of Micronesia, the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, and the Governor
of each FSM State.

Date: 1/19/07

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