A RESOLUTION

Recognizing the continuing accomplishments of Mr. Manuel Miningfel of the State of Yap for his continuing accomplishments and success in the international sport of weightlifting.

WHEREAS, Mr. Manuel Miningfel is a weightlifter from the State of Yap in the Federated States of Micronesia who had previously won gold medals in the 62kg weight division in the 2002 Micronesian Games in Pohnpei, the 2003 Oceania Weightlifting Championships in Tonga, the 2003 South Pacific Games in Fiji and the 2004 Oceania Weightlifting Championships in Fiji; and

WHEREAS, in 2004 Mr. Manuel Miningfel achieved the number one ranking for weightlifters in all weight divisions in the entire Pacific region, including Australia and New Zealand; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of an international ranking in the top ten weightlifters in his weight class in 2004, Mr. Miningfel became the first athlete ever from the Federated States of Micronesia to qualify for an Olympic Games on individual merit and did later compete in the 2004 Athens Olympic Games as a representative of his country; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Manuel Miningfel has since that time continued the pursuit of excellence in his sport as a resident weightlifter at the Oceania Weightlifting Institute in Apia, Samoa where he holds an International Olympic Committee scholarship; and,

WHEREAS, in October, 2006, Mr. Miningfel competed at the World Weightlifting Championships in Santo Domingo where he became
the first ever athlete from the Federated States of Micronesia to
win a medal at a World Championship by winning the silver medal in
the “Clean and Jerk Section” in the 62KG category with a lift of
165KG; and,

WHEREAS, by virtue of his silver medal at the World
Championships, which was also an Olympic Qualification event, Mr.
Miningfel has automatically qualified for the 2008 Beijing Olympic
Games and has also become the highest internationally ranked
weightlifter ever from the Oceana region, and,

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of Mr. Manuel Miningfel in the
international sport of weightlifting have brought great
recognition and honor not only to himself, but to all of the
people of 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 gratitude and appreciation to Mr.
Manuel Miningfel for his achievements in regional, international
and Olympic weightlifting competition, which are a source of great
pride, and inspiration to the people of his country.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Mr. Manuel Miningfel, the Governor of Yap, the Speaker of Yap Legislature and the President of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Date: 1/16/07

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