A RESOLUTION

Calling on the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to ensure that all FSM States have access to fiber optic communications cable links.

WHEREAS, the FSM, jointly with the Governments of the United States and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, has embarked on a project to bring fiber optic communications cable links to the FSM from Guam and Kwajalein by 2007; and

WHEREAS, current plans call only for a branch cable link to Pohnpei State; and

WHEREAS, improved communications, particularly high speed Internet, resulting from the cable link could address pressing communications deficiencies in all four states and provide a positive stimulus to the growth of the private sector nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the other three FSM states would and should benefit from branch cable links; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Special Session, 2006, that the Congress hereby requests the President to direct the Secretary of Transportation, Communications and Infrastructure, the Secretary of Foreign Affairs and the Director of the Office of Compact Management to work with the FSM Telecommunications Corporation, US Army, and others involved in the project to ensure that, to the
extent possible, the communications needs of all FSM states be
addressed through the project;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congress requests the President
of the Federated States of Micronesia to make funding for fiber
optic cable link to Chuuk, Kosrae and Yap in the same manner as
Pohnpei a high priority in the context of annual Compact
infrastructure grant requests;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
of Micronesia, the Governor of each State, the Secretary of
Transportation, Communications and Infrastructure, the Secretary
of Foreign Affairs, the Director of the Office of Compact
Management, the Chairman of the Board and the General Manager of
the FSM Telecommunications Corporation and the United States
Embassy in Kolonia.

Date: 3/1/06

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