To amend title 2 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, by enacting new section 210 and of chapter 2 thereof, to establish a Trust Fund for the Benefit of Former Presidents of the Federated States of Micronesia and to provide for an allowance to Former Presidents of the Federated States of Micronesia payable from such fund; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

Section 1. Title 2 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, as amended, is hereby further amended by adding a new section 210 of chapter 2 to read as follows:

"Section 210. Establishment of Former President Benefit Trust Fund and Allowance for Former Presidents.

(1) There shall be established in the Treasury of the Federated States of Micronesia a trust fund that shall be known as the "Former President Benefit Trust Fund." The fund shall be administered by the Secretary of Finance and Administration and shall consist of such amounts as may be advanced by the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia by budget appropriation, and such gifts, bequests, donations, contributions or grants as may be received by the Federated States of Micronesia which are specifically designated for the benefit of former Presidents.

(2) Each former President shall be entitled for the remainder of his or her life to receive from the Trust Fund a monetary allowance in an amount of not more than $700 per month, payable by the Secretary of Finance; provided, however, that the amount of such allowance shall not exceed an amount which, when applied equally to
all eligible former presidents, would exceed the maximum
distribution from such Trust Fund as determined pursuant to
subsection (d). Provided further that such allowance shall not be
paid to a former President for any period year in which he or she
earned over $25,000 gross per annum, unless the former President is
over the age of 60.

(3) For clarity, the monetary allowance is paid to a beneficiary
of a trust, and is not subject to social security contributions.

(4) As used in this section, the term “former
President” means a person who shall have held the office of
President of the Federated States of Micronesia, who does not then
currently hold such office and whose service in such office shall
have terminated other than by removal pursuant to the Constitution
and Statutes of the Federated States of Micronesia.

(5) At the beginning of each fiscal year, the Secretary of
Finance and Administration shall determine the maximum allowable
distribution from the Trust Fund. The Secretary of Finance and
Administration shall take into consideration:

(a) appropriations by Congress;

(b) earnings of the Trust Fund;

(c) the need to preserve the corpus of the Trust Fund;

(d) other relevant factors that will insure the permanency
of the Trust Fund.

(e) After the end of each fiscal year, and before October
31 of the next fiscal year, the Secretary of Finance and
Administration will report to Congress on all activity relating to
the Trust Fund."

Section 2. Effective date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the President, or upon its becoming law without such approval, except as otherwise provided by law.

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Override September 13, 2008

Manny Mori
President
Federated States of Micronesia