A RESOLUTION

Approving the Amendment to the Foreign Fishing Agreement between the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority and the Taiwan Deep Sea Tuna Boatowners and Exporters Association.

WHEREAS, the Foreign Fishing Agreement between the National Oceanic Resources Management Authority and the Taiwan Deep Sea Tuna Boatowners and Exporters Association, approved by Congress on November 18, 2003 for a period of five (5) years, had expired on November 18, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority and the Taiwan Deep Sea Tuna Boatowners and Exporters Association have concluded an agreement to amend said Foreign Fishing Agreement by extending it for an additional six (6) months, commencing from November 18, 2008 to May 17, 2009; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 405 of title 24 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia, said agreement has to be approved by Congress to be effective; and

WHEREAS, the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority has determined that it is in the interest of the Federated States of Micronesia that the Amendment to the Foreign Fishing Agreement with Taiwan Deep Sea Tuna Boatowners and Exporters Association be extended for an additional six (6) months and, therefore, urged Congress to approve the amendment to said Agreement; now, therefore
BE IT RESOLVED by the Fifteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fifth Special Session, 2008, that the Amendment to the Foreign Fishing Agreement between the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority and the Taiwan Deep Sea Tuna Boatowners and Exporters Association, executed by both parties on November 17, 2008, is hereby approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Executive Director of National Oceanic Resource Management Authority and the Taiwan Deep Sea Tuna Boatowners and Exporters Association.

Date: 12/2/08

Introduced by: /s/ Joe N. Suka
Joe N. Suka (by Request)