TO AMEND SECTION 1(b) OF RULE 11 OF THE OFFICIAL RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA TO PROVIDE THAT ALL WITNESSES TESTIFYING BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES SHALL BE ADMINISTERED AN OATH.

1. WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia is comprised of democratically elected Members who directly represent the interests of the people of this Nation;

2. and

3. WHEREAS, it is the duty of a Congressional Committee to make diligent and careful inquiry and investigation into all the facts and circumstances connected with any matter referred to it under its jurisdiction; and

4. WHEREAS, it is the right of Congressional Committees to receive the truth from testifying witnesses, and also the law that testifying witnesses should not give false statements; and

5. WHEREAS, it is the belief of Congress that recently it has been gravely misled by witnesses testifying at Congressional Committee Hearings; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE by the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 2014, that section 1(b) of Rule 11 of the Official Rules of Procedure for the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia be amended as follows:

"(b) The Speaker, committee chairmen, [and] other
authorized Members, or staff attorney [may] shall
administer an oath to all witnesses appearing before a
committee of Congress. The oath should read
substantially as follows:

‘I do solemnly swear that I will tell the whole
truth and nothing but the truth in the deliberations
before this committee of the Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia.’”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eighteenth Congress of
the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session,
2014, hereby urges the Speaker to, as soon as practicable,
ensure a sign shall be displayed in the Congressional Hearing
Room which reads:

“Pursuant to sections 522 and 523 of title 11 of the Code
of the Federated States of Micronesia, false statements made
under oath are a crime against public administration punishable
by up to 5 years in prison.”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eighteenth Congress of
the Federated States of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session,
2014, hereby urges the Speaker to, as soon as practicable,
ensure that recording equipment is installed in the
Congressional Hearing Room to allow for the recording of
testimony at Congressional Hearings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Date: 5/28/14

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