A RESOLUTION

Requesting the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to call upon the Department of Justice and the Department of Foreign Affairs to immediately collaborate with one another and with the Government of Vietnam, to arrange for the Government of Vietnam to pay the costs associated with the repatriation of Vietnamese citizens who have been arrested and detained for unlawful entry into the Federated States of Micronesia and the waters controlled by the Federated States of Micronesia.

WHEREAS, the cost of detaining Vietnamese citizens in detention facilities operated by the Federated States of Micronesia imposes a financial burden on the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, the cost of repatriating Vietnamese citizens who unlawfully enter the Federated States of Micronesia and its controlled waters also imposes a financial burden on the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, in a previous instance wherein approximately 100 Vietnamese fishermen were repatriated after being arrested for unlawfully fishing in waters controlled by the Federated States of Micronesia, the full cost of such repatriation was borne by the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia presently lacks a policy to require the Government of Vietnam to contribute toward the costs of repatriating Vietnamese citizens who unlawfully enter the Federated States of Micronesia and its controlled waters; and
WHEREAS, the interests of the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia would be best served by developing a policy to require the Government of Vietnam to pay for the costs of repatriating Vietnamese citizens who unlawfully enter the Federated States of Micronesia and its controlled waters; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Nineteenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Fifth Special Session, 2016, that Congress requests that the President of the Federated States of Micronesia calls upon the Department of Justice and the Department of Foreign Affairs to immediately collaborate with one another and with the Government of Vietnam, to arrange for the Government of Vietnam to pay the costs associated with the repatriation of Vietnamese citizens who have been arrested and detained for unlawful entry into the Federated States of Micronesia and the waters controlled by the Federated States of Micronesia; and

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

Dated: 7/25/16

Introduced by: /s/ Wesley W. Simina

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