STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21-43

RE: C.R. NO. 21-114/EX AFF

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. FRANCIS ANEFAL TO SERVE AS THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION TO THE FSM EMBASSY IN THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

MARCH 09, 2020

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Twenty-First Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Fourth Special Session, 2020

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on External Affairs, to which was referred C.R. No. 21-114 entitled:

“A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. FRANCIS ANEFAL TO SERVE AS THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION TO THE FSM EMBASSY IN THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.”,

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of this resolution are expressed in its title.

Your Committee reviewed the qualifications of this nominee. The nominee is highly educated. The nominee was designated by President David W. Panuelo to serve as the Charge d’Affaires of the FSM Embassy in Beijing, China on August 2019. Currently, the nominee serves at the FSM Embassy in Beijing, China as the First Secretary since 2018, and he had competently served in this capacity to advance the national interest of the Federated States of Micronesia.
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The nominee indicated in his Personal Statement from the Presidential Communication No. 21-200 that he is a reliable, efficient individual that loves to take on new challenges. The nominee can speak Yapese, Pohnpeian, and conversational Palauan.

The nominee graduated from the College of Micronesia-FSM Yap Campus in January 2014. The nominee attended Huazhong Normal University and graduated with a Masters in International Relations and a Bachelor’s degree in Chinese Literature from the same University.

The nominee can speak Chinese and also can write in Chinese. The nominee has already proven himself to have the level of expertise regarding the policy issues of international relations and diplomacy experience.

Your Committee has not received any subsequent communication that would cast doubt on the performance or integrity of the nominee. The Committee is very satisfied with the nominee’s performance, competency and integrity. Absent any contrary indication, your Committee believes that the nominee should be confirmed, and so recommends that Mr. Francis Anefal to be confirmed as the Deputy Chief of Mission in the FSM Embassy to the People’s Republic of China.

Your Committee wishes to offer the following amendment to the resolution:

1. Page 1, line 16, delete “Third Regular Session”, and insert “Fourth Special Session” in lieu thereof.

Your Committee on External Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 21-114, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 21-114, C.D.1.
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Respectfully submitted,

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