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A RESOLUTION

Expressing appreciation to Congressman Ben Blaz of Guam for his continuing support of the aspirations of the people of the Federated States of Micronesia, as demonstrated by his efforts to obtain expeditious passage of the Compact of Free Association by the U.S. Congress.

1 WHEREAS, the Compact of Free Association and its related agreements
2 are now pending before the U.S. Congress, which must approve them before
3 they can take effect; and

4 WHEREAS, recently-elected Congressman Ben Blaz of Guam is a member
5 of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Interior and Insular
6 Affairs, which is one of the U.S. congressional committees reviewing the
7 Compact of Free Association and its related agreements; and

8 WHEREAS, Congressman Blaz, in his maiden address on the floor of the
9 U.S. House of Representatives, strongly supported the aspirations of the
10 people of the Federated States of Micronesia, by noting that Micronesians
11 have established constitutional governments "in anticipation of taking
12 their rightful place on the world scene"; and

13 WHEREAS, Congressman Blaz further noted in response to criticism of
14 the Compact of Free Association and its related agreements that, "I have
15 heard no concern expressed by anyone which would justify undue delay in
16 approving and implementing the Compact," and that "it would be a violation
17 of [the United States'] commitment to Micronesian self-determination to
18 use the agreement as a vehicle for addressing other partisan issues"; and

19 WHEREAS, Congressman Blaz further stated that "the Compact's incen-
20 tives for development in Micronesia will produce regional political and
21 economic development which will directly benefit the United States and
22 its Pacific territories"; and

23 WHEREAS, Congressman Blaz further noted that "the Compact presents
24 the United States with a historic opportunity to show the Pacific community
25 that we will enter the next century in a strong strategic posture, but also

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1 as a nation able to build good will in the region through creative
2 and democratic arrangements oriented toward economic development
3 through private enterprise"; and

4 WHEREAS, Congressman Blaz concluded his eloquent address by
5 stating, that, "The Micronesians have come of age and are ready to ful-
6 fill their own destiny. We [in the U.S. Congress] have an obligation
7 to facilitate their desire to do so. Forty years after we assumed
8 trusteeship of their islands, we must remind ourselves that we are their
9 guardians, not the guards of Micronesia."; and

10 WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia is
11 grateful for Congressman Blaz' sensitive and articulate support of self-
12 determination for the people of the Federated States of Micronesia, and
13 in particular for his stirring remarks in support of expeditious approval
14 of the Compact of Free Association and its related agreements; now,
15 therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourth Congress of the Federated States of Micro-
17 nesia, First Regular Session, 1985, that the Congress hereby expresses its
18 appreciation to Congressman Ben Blaz of Guam for his continuing support
19 of the aspirations of the people of the Federated States of Micronesia,
20 as demonstrated by his efforts to obtain expeditious passage of the
21 Compact of Free Association by the U.S. Congress; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be
23 transmitted to Congressman Ben Blaz and the Speaker of the U.S. House of
24 Representatives.

25 Date: 5/21/85

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