

A RESOLUTION

Respectfully requesting that the appropriate officials in the National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia raise the issue of the interpretation of paragraph 8 of Article VI of the Federal Programs and Services Agreement Concluded Pursuant to Article II of Title Two and Section 232 of the Compact of Free Association in consultations with appropriate officials from the Government of the United States, and that they report the results of these consultations to the Congress prior to the commencement of the next Congress session.

1           WHEREAS, paragraph 8 of Article VI of the Federal Programs and  
2 Services Agreement Concluded Pursuant to Article II of Title Two and  
3 Section 232 of the Compact of Free Association provides in pertinent  
4 part that the United States Postal Service shall convey mail "to and  
5 from the designated exchange offices in . . . the Federated States of  
6 Micronesia"; and

7           WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Congress that it is the position  
8 of the National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia that  
9 the phrase "designated exchange offices" refers to the four post offices  
10 operating in the Federated States of Micronesia; and

11           WHEREAS, the United States Government has recently taken the  
12 position that the phrase "designated exchange offices" refers to  
13 ports of entry, such as airports and docks, within the Federated States  
14 of Micronesia; and

15           WHEREAS, this disagreement over the interpretation of the above-  
16 quoted portion of paragraph 8 could have serious consequences relating  
17 to such issues as liability if valuable parcels are lost, stolen, or  
18 damaged while in transit between a post office and a port of entry  
19 in the Federated States of Micronesia; now, therefore,

20           BE IT RESOLVED by the Fifth Congress of the Federated States of  
21 Micronesia, First Regular Session, 1987, that the Congress hereby  
22 respectfully requests that the appropriate officials in the National  
23 Government of the Federated States of Micronesia raise the issue of the  
24 interpretation of paragraph 8 of Article VI of the Federal Programs and  
25 Services Agreement Concluded Pursuant to Article II of Title Two and

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1 Section 232 of the Compact of Free Association in consultations  
2 with appropriate officials from the Government of the United States;  
3 and

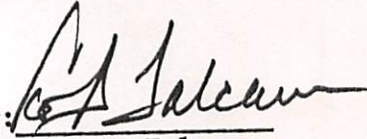
4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress respectfully requests  
5 that those officials who engage in these consultations on behalf of  
6 the National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia report  
7 the results of these consultations to the Congress prior to the  
8 commencement of the next Congress session; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution  
10 be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia,  
11 the Secretary of the Federated States of Micronesia Department of  
12 External Affairs, the Chairman of the Commission on Future Political  
13 Status and Transition, and the Postmaster General of the Federated  
14 States of Micronesia.

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16 Date: May 27, 1987

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