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SEVENTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, 1992

C.R. NO. 7-144

A RESOLUTION

Directing the President to denounce and withdraw from the Treaty on Fisheries Between the Government of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of the United States of America.

1 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia is party to a multi-
2 lateral convention entitled the Treaty on Fisheries Between the
3 Governments of Certain Pacific Island States and the Government of
4 the United States of America; and

5 WHEREAS, said agreement establishes the terms under which
6 nationals and vessels of the United States of America may fish within
7 the Exclusive Economic Zone of the Federated States of Micronesia and
8 certain other Pacific nations; and

9 WHEREAS, it is Congress's determination that the compensation
10 received by this Nation pursuant to the treaty does not adequately
11 compensate it for the exploitation of our resources that is
12 permitted pursuant to the treaty, and the interests of the Nation
13 would be furthered by withdrawing from or denouncing the treaty and
14 negotiating separate agreements with the United States purse seine
15 owners; and

16 WHEREAS, the treaty, according to its terms, contains no
17 certain expiration date, but permits states, pursuant to section
18 12.7 to unilaterally withdraw from or denounce such treaty by
19 depositing an instrument signifying such withdrawal or denunciations
20 with the depositary of the treaty; and

21 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 2 of article IX of the
22 Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia, Congress is given
23 the authority to determine the treaties by which the Nation should be
24 bound; now, therefore,

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventh Congress of the Federated States

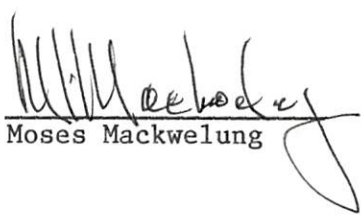
1 of Micronesia, Fourth Regular Session, 1992, that the Federated
2 States of Micronesia must denounce and withdraw from the
3 above-referenced treaty; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President is hereby directed to
5 prepare and transmit the necessary instrument to effectuate such
6 withdrawal and denunciation; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution
8 be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia,
9 the Secretary of the Department of External Affairs, the Governor of
10 each State within the Federated States of Micronesia, the Speaker of
11 each State legislature within the Federated States of Micronesia, and
12 the Executive Director of the Micronesian Maritime Authority.

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