

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To appropriate the sum of \$50,000 from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 in support of the earthquake relief efforts in China, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

1 Section 1. Purpose. On May 12, 2008 a devastating
2 earthquake struck the southwestern province areas of China, in
3 particular northwestern Gansu province, municipality of Chongqing,
4 Shaanxi province and southwestern Yunnan. The devastating
5 earthquake measuring 7.8 on the Richter scale caused extensive
6 loss of life, property and economic activity; injured many
7 residents in the impacted areas; and left countless others
8 homeless. With the death toll in China's earthquake passing
9 12,000 as of May 13, 2008, Disaster Relief efforts have been
10 initiated to cope with the catastrophe. On a number of occasions
11 in the past, the Federated States of Micronesia has, itself,
12 suffered extensive human and economic loss as a result of natural
13 disasters. In such circumstances, the FSM and its people have
14 been the grateful recipients of aid and support from the People's
15 Republic of China and other nations, peoples and international
16 organizations. The Federated States of Micronesia believes that,
17 just as the People's Republic of China has come to the aid of the
18 FSM and its people in times of crisis, this nation should support
19 the People's Republic of China during its time of need.

1 Accordingly, it is fitting that the Congress of the Federated
2 States of Micronesia, on behalf of the nation and its people,
3 appropriate funds in support of earthquake relief efforts in the
4 People's Republic of China.

5 Section 2. The sum of \$50,000 is hereby appropriated from
6 the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the
7 fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, for relief efforts in aid
8 of earthquake relief efforts in the People's Republic of China.
9 The funds appropriated under this section shall be contributed to
10 The Micronesia Red Cross Society to be used exclusively for the
11 purpose identified herein.

12 Section 3. Allotment and management of funds and lapse date.

13 (1) All funds appropriated by this act shall be allotted,
14 managed, administered, and accounted for in accordance with
15 applicable law, including but not limited to, the Financial
16 Management Act of 1979. The allottee of the funds appropriated
17 under this act shall be the President of the Federated States of
18 Micronesia.

19 (2) The allottee of the funds appropriated herein shall be
20 responsible for ensuring that these funds, or so much thereof as
21 may be necessary, are used solely for the purpose specified
22 herein, and shall report back to the Congress on the status of
23 these funds no later than September 30, 2008. The authority of
24 the allottee to obligate such funds shall lapse on September 30,
25 2008.

1 Section 4. This act shall become law upon approval by the
2 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
3 becoming law without such approval.

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5 Date: 5/14/08

Introduced by: /s/ Peter Sitan

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