

A RESOLUTION

Expressing the desire of Congress that the United States House of Representatives give careful and sympathetic consideration to the freely expressed wishes of the people of the Federated States of Micronesia, to their own Nation's obligations under the Trusteeship Agreement, and to comments from the Federated States of Micronesia Government while considering possible amendments to the Compact of Free Association.

1 WHEREAS, under article 6 of the Trusteeship Agreement for
2 the Former Japanese Mandated Islands, the United States pledged
3 to the United Nations that it would promote the development of the
4 inhabitants of the Trust Territory toward self-government or
5 independence in accord with the freely expressed wishes of the
6 Territory's people; and

7 WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of both the United States
8 and the Federated States of Micronesia that the Compact of Free
9 Association be entered into, thereby fulfilling the freely expressed
10 wishes of Micronesians and the obligations under international law
11 assumed by the United States; and

12 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia approved the Compact
13 of Free Association with the understanding that the United States,
14 through its status negotiators, had agreed with the negotiated terms;
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16 WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
17 approved the Compact of Free Association without any effort to uni-
18 laterally amend it; and

19 WHEREAS, major amendments to the Compact of Free Association
20 which drastically dilute the sovereignty to be accorded to the Federated
21 States of Micronesia have been adopted by various committees and sub-
22 committees in the United States House of Representatives; and

23 WHEREAS, these amendments are inimical to the freely expressed
24 wishes of the Micronesian people, and to the United States' obligation
25 to promote self-government in Micronesia; and

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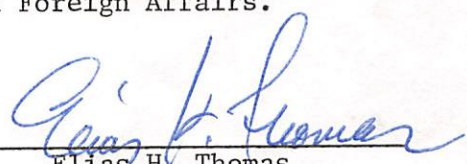
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1 WHEREAS, approval of these amendments by the United States
2 Congress would compel the Federated States of Micronesia to reconsider,
3 and very possibly reject, the Compact, which could no longer be fairly
4 called a Compact of "Free" Association; now, therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourth Congress of the Federated States of
6 Micronesia, First Special Session, 1985, that the Congress hereby expresses
7 its desire that the United States House of Representatives give careful
8 and sympathetic consideration to the freely expressed wishes of the people
9 of the Federated States of Micronesia, to their own Nation's obligations
10 under the Trusteeship Agreement, and to comments from the Federated States
11 of Micronesia Government while considering possible amendments to the
12 Compact of Free Association; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution
14 be transmitted to the Speaker of the United States House of Representa-
15 tives and the Chairmen of the United States House of Representatives
16 Committees on Interior and Insular Affairs and Foreign Affairs.

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18 Date: 7/15/85

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