## A RESOLUTION

Commending and congratulating Father Amando Samo upon his coming ordination as Auxiliary Bishop to Bishop Martin J. Neylon, S.J., in the Diocese of the Caroline and Marshall Islands.

- 1 WHEREAS, Father Amando Samo was born August 16, 1948, on Moch,
- 2 one of the Mortlock Islands in the State of Truk; and
- WHEREAS, Father Amando Samo attended Truk High School on the main
- 4 island of Moen, graduating in 1969; and
- 5 WHEREAS, upon graduating from high school, Father Amando Samo
- 6 attended Chaminade College of Honolulu, graduating in 1973; and
- WHEREAS, prior to entering the Pacific Seminary in Fiji in early
- 8 1974, Father Amando Samo taught at Xavier High School in Truk for 1
- 9 year; and
- WHEREAS, Father Amando Samo completed his theological studies at
- 11 Fiji in 1977, and was ordained a priest on December 10, 1977; and
- 12 WHEREAS, after his ordination to the priesthood, Father Amando
- 13 Samo served as pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Parish on Udot Island
- 14 from 1977 to 1980, as pastor of St. Anthony's on Toloas Island from
- 15 1980 to 1984, and then worked on Tol Island from 1984 to 1987; and
- 16 WHEREAS, a few months prior to the announcement of his call to
- 17 be a bishop, Father Amando Samo was appointed the pastor of the
- 18 Cathedral Parish on Moen; and
- 19 WHEREAS, presently Father Amando Samo is also the coordinator of
- 20 Inter-Parish Activities for Truk and in this capacity oversees the
- 21 training programs for deacons and cathechists, and the various works
- 22 of the Apostolic Center on Moen Island; and
- WHEREAS, Father Amando Samo has also personally established a
- 24 highly successful Marriage Encounter Program for the State of Truk
- 25 in which dozens of Trukese couples have strengthened their marriage

- 1 relationships; and
- WHEREAS, after his ordination as Auxiliary Bishop, Father Amando
- 3 Samo will assist Bishop Martin J. Neylon, S.J., in governing the entire
- 4 Diocese of the Caroline and Marshall Islands, which stretches from
- 5 Majuro in the Marshall Islands through the Federated States of Micro-
- 6 nesia to the Republic of Palau in the Western Caroline Islands; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Father Amando Samo's ordination is tentatively scheduled
- 8 for August 15, 1987, and will be celebrated in the Diocesan Cathedral
- 9 of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, of Moen Island, State of Truk; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Congress notes that through his many activities Father
- 11 Amando Samo has provided an invaluable service to the social and
- 12 spiritual development of the State of Truk as well as the Federated
- 13 States of Micronesia; and
- WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Members, in Congress assembled,
- 15 that Father Amando Samo should be commended and congratulated for his
- 16 past service and, more specifically, on his coming ordination;
- 17 now, therefore,
- 18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Fifth Congress of the Federated States of
- 19 Micronesia, First Special Session, 1987, that the Congress hereby
- 20 commends and congratulates Father Amando Samo upon his coming
- 21 ordination as Auxiliary Bishop to Bishop Martin J. Neylon, S.J., in
- 22 the Diocese of the Caroline and Marshall Islands; and
- 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution
- 24 be transmitted to Father Amando Samo, Bishop Martin J. Neylon, S.J.,
- 25 Diocese of the Caroline and Marshall Islands, the President of the

1 Federated States of Micronesia, the Governor of Truk State,

2 and the Speaker of the Truk State Legislature.