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A RESOLUTION

Requesting the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Congress to increase the funding of the Trust Territory Archives Project so that the microfilming of all official records of the Trust Territory Government can quickly be completed and complete sets of these microfilmed records be given to the National and State Governments in the Federated States of Micronesia.

1           WHEREAS, for more than 30 years the Trust Territory Government  
2 has had full responsibility for the management of public affairs in  
3 Micronesia; and

4           WHEREAS, in carrying out these duties, the Trust Territory Govern-  
5 ment has left a permanent written record of its policies and activities:  
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7           WHEREAS, the Trust Territory Government has also been the custodian  
8 of the official records of previous administrators of Micronesia; and

9           WHEREAS, collectively these records constitute the most complete  
10 documentation of the economic, political, and cultural development of  
11 Micronesia over the last 100 years; and

12           WHEREAS, the Trust Territory Archives Project is now in the process  
13 of microfilming all official records in the custody of the Trust  
14 Territory Government; and

15           WHEREAS, at the present rate of microfilming it will take more  
16 than 10 years to complete the duplication of all known official records;  
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18           WHEREAS, the Trust Territory Archives Project has in the last 2  
19 years been continually threatened with defunding as part of the  
20 phaseout of the Trust Territory Government; and

21           WHEREAS, if the microfilming is not completed, Micronesians of  
22 present and future generations will be denied an irreplaceable historical  
23 and cultural treasure that is rightfully theirs; and

24           WHEREAS, it is the duty of the United States under the U.N. Trustee-  
25 ship Agreement to complete the microfilming of these records and to

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1 make them available to the National and State Governments of the  
 2 Federated States of Micronesia; now, therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED, by the Third Congress of the Federated States of  
 4 Micronesia First Regular Session, 1983, that the Congress of the  
 5 Federated States of Micronesia requests the U.S. Congress to provide  
 6 sufficient funds to the Trust Territory Government for the Trust  
 7 Territory Archives Project to complete the microfilming of all known  
 8 official records no later than January 1, 1986; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that complete sets of these microfilmed  
 10 records be given to the National and State Governments of the Federated  
 11 States of Micronesia; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be  
 13 transmitted to the President of the United States; the Chairman of the  
 14 Trusteeship Council of the United Nations; the Secretary of the Interior  
 15 of the United States; United States Senators James A. McClure, Robert C.  
 16 Byrd, Daniel K. Inouye, Spark M. Matsunaga; U.S. Representatives John F.  
 17 Seiberling, Antonio Borja Won Pat, Dan Young; the High Commissioner of  
 18 the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands; the Director of the Trust  
 19 Territory Archives Project, Sam McPhetres; and the President of the  
 20 Federated States of Micronesia.

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