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A RESOLUTION

Urging the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to meet with the President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the President of the Republic of Palau as soon as possible regarding the future of the College of Micronesia and the Trust Territory Social Security System.

1 WHEREAS, the College of Micronesia and the Trust Territory Social
2 Security System are the last two governmental institutions which are
3 presently being supported by the Federated States of Micronesia, the
4 Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau; and

5 WHEREAS, close coordination and communication need to exist between
6 the three Micronesian governments so that these two institutions can
7 continue to serve their Micronesian constituents in the manner intended;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the future of the College of Micronesia is clouded because
10 the proposed Compact of Free Association for each of the three Micronesian
11 governments does not provide any specific funding for it; and

12 WHEREAS, unless the Micronesian governments can mutually agree to
13 make long-term, firm, financial commitments to the College of Micronesia,
14 then no real future planning is possible; and

15 WHEREAS, the Trust Territory Social Security System needs to be
16 devolved to the three Micronesian governments, and it is essential that
17 all the necessary technical details be agreed upon so as to allow for
18 this devolution; and

19 WHEREAS, the Prior Service Benefits Program which is a part of the
20 Trust Territory Social Security System is presently in danger of losing
21 all of its funding unless the United States government reverses its course
22 and agrees to fund the program in the post-Trusteeship period; and

23 WHEREAS, unless the three Micronesian governments can coordinate their
24 efforts so as to secure post-Trusteeship funding for the Prior Service
25 Benefits Program, the program could possibly cease to exist; and

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1 WHEREAS, only the Presidents of the three Micronesian governments
2 can effectively commit their respective governments to concrete action
3 to remedy the major problems now facing the College of Micronesia and
4 the Trust Territory Social Security System; now, therefore,

5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Third Congress of the Federated States of
6 Micronesia, First Regular Session, 1983, that the Congress strongly
7 urges the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to meet with
8 the President of the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the President
9 of the Republic of Palau as soon as possible regarding the future of
10 the College of Micronesia and the Trust Territory Social Security
11 System; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be
13 transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the
14 Executive Director of the College of Micronesia, the Director of the
15 Trust Territory Social Security System, and the Speaker of the Congress
16 of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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