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A RESOLUTION

Expressing the shock and surprise of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia upon learning of the evacuation and inhuman treatment of the people of Fono, Truk State, by the United States Navy and requesting the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to take all necessary steps to secure for the people of Fono just compensation for their plight during said evacuation.

1 WHEREAS, on November 15, 1945, the United States Navy came to
2 the island of Fono, in Truk Lagoon, and immediately ordered the
3 residents thereof to get ready for immediate evacuation so that the
4 island could be used as a recreational ground; and

5 WHEREAS, the following morning over three hundred people living
6 on Fono were evacuated to a dock at Tunnuk Village, Moen Island, Truk
7 State; and

8 WHEREAS, the evacuees encountered all kinds of problems,
9 including, but not limited to, hunger, lack of shelter, thirst, and
10 widespread communicable diseases resulting from these deprivations; and

11 WHEREAS, the evacuees had to live through these ordeals for 3
12 long years, which caused them to lose many of their members; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1949, the Navy left the island of Fono and the
14 people returned and found to their great disappointment that all of
15 their property, including, but not limited to, their houses, breadfruit,
16 coconuts, and taro, had been demolished by the United States Navy; and

17 WHEREAS, the destruction of their property caused a continuation
18 of the ordeals they had gone through as a result of the evacuation; and

19 WHEREAS, the people of Fono presented this claim to the Micronesian
20 Claims Commission, which came into being as a result of a 1971 U.S.
21 congressional act; and

22 WHEREAS, to their great astonishment, the people of Fono were told
23 that their claim did not fall under the category of claims which could
24 be compensated under the Micronesian War Claims Program; and

25 WHEREAS, until now, the people of Fono have been left without any

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1 remedy from the impact of such evacuation; now, therefore,

2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Third Congress of the Federated States of
3 Micronesia, First Regular Session, 1983, that the Congress expresses
4 its shock and surprise upon learning of the evacuation and inhuman
5 treatment of the people of Fono, Truk State, by the United States
6 Navy; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress respectfully requests
8 the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to take all steps
9 necessary to secure for the people of Fono just compensation for their
10 plight during said evacuation; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution
12 be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia,
13 the Speaker of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, the
14 Governor of the State of Truk, the Speaker of the Truk State Legislature,
15 the Chief Magistrate of the island of Fono, and the Chairman of the
16 Commission on Future Political Status and Transition.

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18 Date: May 18, 1983 Introduced by: Sasao H. Gouland
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