
A RESOLUTION

Expressing the sincere gratitude and appreciation of the Twenty-Fourth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia to Mr. Neil Mellen for his service as the Executive Director of Habele, which has awarded numerous scholarships, funded robotics teams, provided books, and promoted traditional skills to the students of the Federated States of Micronesia for more than 20 years.

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Neil Mellen served as a Peace Corps volunteer in
2 the state of Yap from 2002-2005; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Mellen and his fellow Peace Corps volunteers in
4 2006 formally incorporated the nonprofit, Habele Outer Island
5 Education Fund; and

6 WHEREAS, during Mr. Mellen's tenure as the Executive Director
7 of Habele, numerous students from the Federated States of
8 Micronesia have benefitted from their scholarship programs; and

9 WHEREAS, under Mr. Mellen's direction, Habele partnered with
10 local schools in the Federated States of Micronesia to introduce
11 robotics clubs in twenty-three schools across all four states;
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13 WHEREAS, Mr. Mellen oversaw Habele's collection and
14 distribution of books in English and in local languages to early
15 childhood education centers through high schools; and

16 WHEREAS, Habele under Mr. Mellen's guidance provided tools
17 and equipment to master craftsmen and weavers to teach and
18 mentor children in the traditional skills of their islands; and

