

A RESOLUTION

Calling upon the President to request the United States of America to establish an office of the United States Office of Insular Affairs in the Federated States of Micronesia.

1 WHEREAS, the United States Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) is
2 tasked to, among other things, oversee the implementation of
3 projects and programs funded under the Amended Compact of Free
4 Association within the Federated States of Micronesia; and

5 WHEREAS, OIA does not have an office based in the Federated
6 States of Micronesia, and its nearest office is based in Honolulu,
7 Hawaii; and

8 WHEREAS, there have been reported inadequacies and delays in
9 reports submitted by the Federated States of Micronesia to OIA,
10 which reports are required on a periodical basis pursuant to the
11 provisions of the Amended Compact of Free Association; and

12 WHEREAS, it is the sense of Congress that the establishment
13 of an OIA office in the Federated States of Micronesia would
14 improve accessibility and communication and would, therefore,
15 result in better compliance with the reporting requirements and
16 timely submission of the required reports; now, therefore

17 BE IT RESOLVED that the Fifteenth Congress of the Federated
18 States of Micronesia, Fifth Special Session, 2008, calls upon the
19 President to request the Government of the United States America
20 to establish an OIA office in the Federated States of Micronesia;
21 and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
3 of Micronesia and the United States Embassy in Kolonia, Pohnpei
4 and the Governor of each State of the Federated States of
5 Micronesia.

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7 Date: 11/26/08

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