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A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

Endorsing the four principles and legal rights which the Political Status Delegation of the Congress of Micronesia maintained must be recognized as an essential and nonnegotiable component of any free association between the United States and Micronesia and declaring that any future association between the United States and Micronesia must be in accordance with those principles and legal rights.

1 WHEREAS, the Political Status Delegation of the Congress of Micronesia was
2 directed to take part in preliminary discussions regarding the relations which
3 shall in the future prevail between Micronesia and the United States, and to
4 identify the major questions which will have to be decided in the event Micro-
5 nesia chooses to enter into free association with the United States, or chooses
6 to become an independent state; and

7 WHEREAS, during discussions in Saipan in May, 1970, with representatives
8 of the executive branch of the United States Government, the Political Status
9 Delegation took the position that a proposal for free association between
10 Micronesia and the United States must recognize and be in accordance with the
11 following principles and legal rights:

12 (1) That sovereignty in Micronesia resides in the people of
13 Micronesia and their duly constituted government;

14 (2) That the people of Micronesia possess the right of self-
15 determination and may therefore choose independence or self-govern-
16 ment in free association with any nation or organization of nations;

17 (3) That the people of Micronesia have the right to adopt their
18 own constitution and to amend, change or revoke any constitution or
19 governmental plan at any time; and

20 (4) That free association should be in the form of a revocable
21 compact, terminable unilaterally by either party; and

22 WHEREAS, the Congress of Micronesia has considered these principles and
23 legal rights, and believes that they should serve as the basis for any future
24 association between Micronesia and the United States, and as guidelines in any
25 future negotiations with representatives of the United States Government on the

1 future political status of Micronesia; now, therefore,

2 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Third Congress of
3 Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 1970, the Senate concurring, that this
4 Congress hereby endorses the four principles and legal rights which the
5 Political Status Delegation of the Congress of Micronesia maintained must be
6 recognized as an essential and nonnegotiable component of any free association
7 between the United States and Micronesia; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Congress of Micronesia hereby declares
9 that any future association between the United States and Micronesia must be
10 in accordance with those principles and legal rights; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Joint Resolution be
12 transmitted to the President of the United States; to the President of the
13 Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress;
14 and to the Secretary General, the Security Council and the Trusteeship Council
15 of the United Nations and to the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory.

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17 Adopted August 14, 1970

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