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A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

Declaring that the offer of Commonwealth status for Micronesia in the form that was presented to the Congress of Micronesia through its Political Status Delegation during discussions in May with representatives of the Executive Branch of the United States Government is not acceptable to the Congress of Micronesia.

1 WHEREAS, during discussions with the Political Status Delegation of
2 the Congress of Micronesia in May, 1970, a United States Delegation
3 headed by Assistant Secretary of the Interior Harrison Loesch, represent-
4 ing the Executive Branch of the United States Government, submitted an
5 offer of Commonwealth status for Micronesia to the Congress of Micronesia;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, the Political Status Delegation considered this offer during
8 the discussions and found it to be unacceptable because it failed to
9 recognize or conform to the four principles and legal rights which it
10 maintained were an essential and nonnegotiable component of any free
11 association between the United States and Micronesia; and

12 WHEREAS, this Congress has officially endorsed the four principles
13 and legal rights which the Political Status Delegation maintained must be
14 recognized as an essential and nonnegotiable component of any free
15 association, and has declared that any future association between the
16 United States and Micronesia must be in accordance with those principles
17 and legal rights; now, therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Third Congress
19 of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 1970, the Senate concurring, that
20 the Congress of Micronesia hereby declares that the offer of Commonwealth
21 status for Micronesia in the form that was presented to the Congress of

1 Micronesia through its Political Status Delegation during discussions in
2 May with representatives of the Executive Branch of the United States
3 Government is not acceptable to the Congress of Micronesia; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Joint Resolution
5 be transmitted to the President of the United States; to the President of
6 the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States
7 Congress; to the Secretary General, the Security Council and the Trustee-
8 ship Council of the United Nations; and to the High Commissioner of the
9 Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

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11 Adopted August 20, 1970

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