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CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA

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FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION, 1971

H. J. R. NO. 47

A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

Directing and authorizing the Joint Commettee on Future Status of the Congress of Micronesia to negotiate with the United States for a political status of independence for Micronesia.

1	WHEREAS, the Trusteeship Agreement of 1947, which Conferred the					
2	responsibility for Micronesia upon the United States, required the					
3	Administering Authority to "promote the development of the inhabitants					
4	of the trust territory towards self-government or independence as may					
5	be appropriate to the particular circumstances of the trust territory					
6	and its peoples and the freely expressed wishes of the peoples concerned";					
7	and					
8 -	WHEREAS, the investigation conducted by the Congress of Micronesia					
9	through its committees and commissions culminated in a final report to					
10	the Congress and the people of Micronesia in July, 1969, wherein it was					
11	recommended and the Congress adopted the recommendation that Micronesia					
12	seek the status of self-government in free association with the United					
13	States and that, if the negotiation for such a future political status					
14	should fail, then Micronesia should seek the political alternative of					
15	independence; and					
16	WHEREAS, in May, 1970, the United States through its negotiation team					
17	on the future political status of Micronesia ignored and has since then					
18	not made clear its position to the status of self-government for Micronesia					
19	in free association with the United States; and					
20	WHEREAS, neither the Congress of Micronesia nor its Joint Committee					
21	on Future Status has taken any positive and affirmative steps toward					
22	the early resolution of the future political status, and the United					
23	States has since then appointed a representative with the rank of					
24	ambassador to give his attention to the future political status for					
25	Misronesia, and					

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1	WHEREAS, this Congress is advised that a specific time and place
2	for the next negotiation with the United States by the Joint Committee
3	on Future Status of the Congress will shortly be agreed upon and
4	negotiation resumed; now, therefore,
5	BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Congress
6	of Micronesia, Fourth Special Session, 1971, the Senate concurring,
7	that the Joint Committee on Future Status of the Congress of Micronesia
8	be and it is hereby directed and authorized to negotiate with the
9	United States for a political status of independence for Micronesia;
10	and
11	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Joint
12	Resolution be transmitted to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on .
13	Future Status and to the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of
14	the Pacific Islands.
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