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FOURTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA

SECOND SPECIAL SESSION, 1972 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 117, S.D.1

A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing and directing the Joint Committee on Future Status to conduct negotiations with the United States regarding the establishment of Micronesia as an independent nation, while continuing negotiations toward Free Association.

1 WHEREAS, the 1947 U.N. Trusteeship Agreement also provides  
2 for the development of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands  
3 towards Independence; and

4 WHEREAS, the Congress of Micronesia in 1970 adopted the  
5 alternative of Free Association with the understanding that if  
6 the Congress of Micronesia and the United States fail to reach  
7 an agreement, Micronesia has no other alternative but Independence;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, the Congress of Micronesia through its representatives  
10 has not reached after three years and five rounds of negotiations  
11 an agreement with the United States along the lines of "Four  
12 Basic Principles and Legal Rights of Free Association" as established  
13 by House Joint Resolution No. 102; and

14 WHEREAS, the emerging agreement on Free Association between  
15 Micronesia and the United States may provide for terms and  
16 conditions other than those which the Congress of Micronesia  
17 desires, and which may not be in the best interests of the people  
18 of Micronesia, and hence would not be acceptable to the Congress  
19 or the people; and

20 WHEREAS, in the event that an agreement on Free Association  
21 proves unacceptable to the Congress and people of Micronesia,  
22 the Congress finds that Independence is the only viable alternative  
23 for the future political status of Micronesia; and

24 WHEREAS, it is a sacred duty and responsibility of the Congress  
25 of Micronesia to explore fully the alternative of Independence so

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1 as to enable the people of Micronesia to genuinely exercise  
2 their inevitable right of self-determination on the choices  
3 between Free Association and Independence during the plebiscite  
4 at the termination of the Trusteeship Agreement; now, therefore,  
5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate, Fourth Congress of Micronesia,  
6 Second Special Session, 1972, the House of Representatives con-  
7 curring, that the Joint Committee on Future Status is hereby  
8 authorized and directed to conduct negotiations with the United  
9 States regarding the establishment of Micronesia as an independent  
10 nation, while continuing negotiations toward Free Association; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Joint  
12 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairman of the Joint Committee  
13 on Future Status and the President's Personal Representative to  
14 the Micronesian Status Negotiations.

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16 Adopted: September 2, 1972

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