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A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress of Micronesia with regard to certain issues relating to the future political status of Micronesia, and directing the Joint Committee on Future Status to conduct negotiations accordingly.

1       WHEREAS, House Joint Resolution No. 102, adopted by the Third  
2 Congress of Micronesia, created the Joint Committee on Future Status  
3 and gave it authority to negotiate with the United States of America  
4 toward the termination of the Trusteeship and the attainment of a new  
5 political status for Micronesia, subject to expressions of policies by  
6 the Congress of Micronesia; and

7       WHEREAS, the Congress of Micronesia is desirous of expressing the  
8 sense of the Congress with regard to certain important issues bearing  
9 upon such negotiations; now, therefore,

10       BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Fifth Congress of Micronesia,  
11 First Regular Session, 1973, the House of Representatives concurring,  
12 that it is the sense of the Congress that the Trust Territory of the Pacific  
13 Islands is one single and indivisible political unit, and the Trusteeship  
14 may not be terminated or modified as to one part thereof while another  
15 part or parts thereof remain under such Trusteeship; and

16       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the sense of the Congress that  
17 the Congress of Micronesia, through the Joint Committee on Future Status,  
18 is the sole authority in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands which  
19 is legally authorized and empowered to conduct negotiations with regard  
20 to the future political status of the Trust Territory, including all parts  
21 thereof, and that the Congress has the sole responsibility to negotiate  
22 on behalf of and provide for the future political status of the entire  
23 Trust Territory; and

24       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Committee on Future Status  
25 is hereby directed to continue its negotiations with the United States

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1 of America based on the guidelines set forth in this Senate Joint  
2 Resolution; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Senate  
4 Joint Resolution be transmitted to the Chairman of the Joint Committee  
5 on Future Status; to the President's Personal Representative for  
6 Micronesian Status Negotiations; to the Secretary General of the United  
7 Nations; to the President of the United Nations Trusteeship Council; to  
8 the President of the United Nations Security Council; to the President  
9 of the United States; to the President of the United States Senate; to  
10 the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; to the Secretary  
11 of the Interior; to the Secretary of State; to the Secretary of Defense;  
12 and to the High Commissioner.

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14 Date: 2-7-73

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