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FIFTH CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA
FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 1973

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 38

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.

WHEREAS, House joint resolution No. 102, adopted by the Third Congress of Micronesia, created the Joint Committee on Future Status and gave it authority to negotiate with the United States of America toward the termination of the trusteeship and the attainment of a new political status for Micronesia, subject to expressions of policies by the Congress of Micronesia; and

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Joint Committee on Future Status is hereby directed to continue its negotiations with the United States based on the guidelines set forth in this Senate joint resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Senate joint resolution be transmitted to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Future Status; to the President's personal representative for Micronesian status negotiations; to the Secretary-General of the United Nations; to the President of the United Nations Trusteeship Council; to the President of the United Nations Security Council; to the President of the United States; to the President of the United States Senate; to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives; to the Secretary of the Interior; to the Secretary of State; to the Secretary of Defense; and to the High Commissioner.

Adopted: 26 February 1973

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