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FOURTH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE

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RESOLUTION NO. 127

INTRODUCED BY: Hon. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ M.D. MINNA

A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA FOR THEIR CONSPIRATORIAL INVOLVEMENT TO PREVENT THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT IN SIGNING THE COVENANT TO ESTABLISH THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS IN POLITICAL UNION WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

WHEREAS, the people of the Mariana Islands District for the past 20 years have consistently expressed formally and informally to the Government of the United States and to the United Nations, the strong desire that the people of the Northern Mariana Islands become a part of the United States; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the desires of the people, the Mariana Islands District Legislature legally authorized the establishment of the Marianas Political Status Commission, which consists of representatives of all of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the mandate of the District Legislature, the Marianas Political Status Commission has conducted studies, has consulted with and reported to the District Legislature, and has negotiated for more than two years with the United States for a close and enduring political relationship between the United States and the Northern Mariana Islands; and

WHEREAS, on February 15, 1975, the Marianas Political Status Commission and the President's Personal Representative to the Marianas Status Negotiations signed the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, which said Covenant was subsequently unanimously approved by the members of the Mariana Islands District Legislature on February 20, 1975; and

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WHEREAS, on February 14, 1975, twelve hours before the signing of the Covenant, the Congress of Micronesia, acting through one of its members and represented by a full time staff attorney of said Congress of Micronesia, instituted a cause of action to restrain and prevent the authorized representatives of the people of the Mariana Islands District from signing the Covenant and further to attempt to deny to the people of the Mariana Islands District an opportunity to exercise their inalienable right of self-determination; and

WHEREAS, said legal action was authorized by and consented to by the Speaker of the House and other leaders of the Congress of Micronesia and prepared by and paid for under the auspices of the Congress of Micronesia; and

WHEREAS, such vicious and irresponsible acts by the leadership of the Congress of Micronesia is tantamount to a conspiracy to deny and deprive the people of the Mariana Islands District their sovereign and inalienable right of self-determination;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourth Mariana Islands District Legislature, that the leadership of the Congress of Micronesia is hereby condemned for their conspiratorial involvement to prevent the representatives of the people of the Mariana Islands District in signing the Covenant and further to attempt to deny the people of the Mariana Islands District an opportunity to exercise their sovereign and inalienable right of self-determination; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mariana Islands District Legislature will not tolerate nor condone any act by the Congress of Micronesia or its leadership to prevent or restrain the people of the Mariana Islands District ^{in the} ~~to~~ exercise ^{of} their right of self-determination regarding their future political status; and

THAT, the President should certify to and the Legislative Secretary attest to the adoption hereof and thereafter transmit copies of the same to the General Assembly of the United Nations, the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations, the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Interior, Members of the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs and of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the United States Congress, the High Commissioner, President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, and members of the Congress of Micronesia.

PASSED BY THE FOURTH MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT LEGISLATURE _____.