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A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

Requesting the United States Senate to take prompt and favorable action on House Joint Resolution No. 549 approving the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America.

1 WHEREAS, for over twenty years, the people of the Northern
2 Mariana Islands have expressed their desire for a close political
3 relationship with the United States; and

4 WHEREAS, the people of the Northern Mariana Islands have freely
5 and clearly expressed their desire for political union with the
6 United States by the unanimous vote of the Mariana Islands District
7 Legislature on February 20, 1975, and by 78.8 percent of the people
8 of the Northern Mariana Islands voting in a plebiscite held on June
9 17, 1975; and

10 WHEREAS, the Congress of Micronesia supports the desire of all
11 Trust Territory citizens to exercise their inalienable right of
12 self-determination; and

13 WHEREAS, the leadership of the Congress of Micronesia has
14 endorsed the Covenant in open public hearings of the United States
15 Congress; now, therefore,

16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Sixth
17 Congress of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 1976, the Senate
18 concurring, that the United States Senate is requested to take
19 prompt and favorable action on House Joint Resolution No. 549 approv-
20 ing the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
21 Islands in Political Union with the United States of America; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this House Joint
23 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States; the
24 Chairmen of the Senate Committees on Foreign Relations, Interior and
25 Insular Affairs, and the Armed Services of the United States Congress;

1 the Secretary of the Department of the Interior; the President
2 of the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations; and the High
3 Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

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ADOPTED BY CONGRESS OF
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