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CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 6-119

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.

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

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

WHEREAS the Congress of Micronesia supports the desire of all Trust Territory citizens to exercise their inalienable rights of self-determination; and

WHEREAS the leadership of the Congress of Micronesia has endorsed the Covenant in open public hearings of the House of the United States Congress; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Sixth Congress of Micronesia, Second Regular Session 1976, the Senate concurring that the United States Senate is requested 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; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this House Joint Resolution be transmitted to the Congress of the United States, Chairman of the Senate Committees on Foreign Relations, Interior and Insular Affairs and the Armed Services of the United States Congress, the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, the President of the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations, and the High Commissioner of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.