

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing the continuing accomplishments of Mr. Manuel Miningfel of the State of Yap for his on-going success in the international sport of weightlifting.

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Manuel Miningfel is a weightlifter from the  
2 State of Yap in the Federated States of Micronesia who has  
3 previously won many gold medals in his weight division, including  
4 the 2002 Micronesian Games in Pohnpei, the 2003 Oceania  
5 Weightlifting Championships in Tonga, the 2003 South Pacific Games  
6 in Fiji and the 2004 Oceania Weightlifting Championships in Fiji;  
7 and

8           WHEREAS, in 2004 Mr. Manuel Miningfel achieved the number one  
9 ranking for weightlifters in all weight divisions in the entire  
10 Pacific region, including Australia and New Zealand; and

11           WHEREAS, by virtue of an international ranking in the top ten  
12 weightlifters in his weight class in 2004, Mr. Miningfel became  
13 the first athlete ever from the Federated States of Micronesia to  
14 qualify for an Olympic Games on individual merit and did later  
15 compete in the 2004 Athens Olympic Games as a representative of  
16 his country; and

17           WHEREAS, Mr. Manuel Miningfel has since that time continued  
18 the pursuit of excellence in his sport as a resident weightlifter  
19 at the Oceania Weightlifting Institute in Apia, Samoa where he  
20 holds an International Olympic Committee scholarship; and,

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1           WHEREAS, in October, 2006, Mr. Miningfel competed at the  
2 World Weightlifting Championships in Santo Domingo where he became  
3 the first ever athlete from the Federated States of Micronesia to  
4 win a medal at a World Championship by winning the silver medal in  
5 the "Clean and Jerk Section" in the 62KG category with a lift of  
6 165KG; and,

7           WHEREAS, by virtue of his silver medal at the World  
8 Championships, an Olympic Qualification event, Mr. Miningfel has  
9 automatically qualified for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games and has  
10 also become the highest internationally ranked weightlifter ever  
11 from the Oceania region, and,

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Minginfel has most recently has further  
13 distinguished himself in his sport by setting a new South Pacific  
14 Games record snatch in the men's 56kg category with a lift of a  
15 total weight of 276kg, such record being a first for the Federated  
16 States of Micronesia and rated as top 6<sup>th</sup> in the world, and,

17           WHEREAS, the continuing accomplishments of Mr. Manuel  
18 Miningfel in the international sport of weightlifting not only  
19 bring great recognition and honor to him, but are also a great  
20 source of pride and inspiration to all of the people of the  
21 Federated States of Micronesia.

22           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Fifteenth Congress of  
23 the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2007,  
24 that the Congress hereby expresses its gratitude and appreciation  
25 to Mr. Manuel Miningfel for his achievements in regional,

1 international and Olympic weightlifting competition, a source of  
2 great pride and inspiration to the people of the Federated States  
3 of Micronesia.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 resolution be transmitted to Mr. Manuel Miningfel, the President  
6 of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Governor of Yap, and  
7 the Speaker of Yap Legislature.

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9 Date: 10/8/07

Introduced by: /s/ Peter Sitan  
Peter Sitan

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