

A RESOLUTION

Expressing the utmost appreciation to the entire Hawaii Delegation to the United States Congress, especially former Congressman Neil Abercrombie, as well as the Honorable Senator Blanche L. Lincoln of Arkansas and the Honorable Senator Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico, for their brave and altruistic efforts to reinstate the Medicaid eligibility of citizens of Freely Associated States.

1           WHEREAS, the citizens of Freely Associated States lost their  
2 longstanding Medicaid eligibility as a result of the 1996 Personal  
3 Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act; and

4           WHEREAS, the resulting financial and social detriment to the  
5 various states and territories that host significant populations  
6 of citizens from Freely Associated States has been considerable  
7 and continues to increase; and

8           WHEREAS, since the loss of Medicaid eligibility in 1996, the  
9 citizens of Freely Associated States have been treated like  
10 immigrants from any other nation, notwithstanding the unique,  
11 longstanding, and mutually beneficial relationship between the  
12 United States and the Freely Associated States; and

13           WHEREAS, due to the long history and special relationship  
14 between our two nations, the citizens of the Freely Associated  
15 States deserve unique treatment, evidenced by the original  
16 inclusion of citizens of Freely Associated States as eligible for  
17 Medicaid benefits and the decision to reinstate that eligibility  
18 in H.R. 3962; and

19           WHEREAS, certain honorable members of the United States

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1 Congress, namely the Honorable Senators Daniel K. Akaka and Daniel  
2 K. Inouye of Hawaii, the Honorable Representative Mazie Hirono of  
3 Hawaii, the Honorable Senator Blanche L. Lincoln of Arkansas, the  
4 Honorable Senator Jeff Bingaman of New Mexico, and the former  
5 Representative Neil Abercrombie of Hawaii have boldly taken the  
6 initiative to reinstate Medicaid eligibility for citizens of  
7 Freely Associated States; and

8 WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia  
9 recognizes the unusual benevolence displayed by these U.S.  
10 Congress members in fighting for the rights and benefits of  
11 citizens and constituents not their own; and

12 WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia  
13 respectfully requests these most honorable U.S. Congress members  
14 to continue to seek reinstatement of Medicaid eligibility for  
15 citizens of Freely Associated States and prays that their  
16 colleagues in the United States Congress will begin to listen and  
17 take heed; now, therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Sixteenth Congress of the Federated  
19 States of Micronesia, Fifth Regular Session, 2010, that the  
20 Congress expresses its utmost appreciation to the entire Hawaii  
21 Delegation to the United States Congress, especially former  
22 Congressman Neil Abercrombie, as well as the Honorable Senator  
23 Blanche L. Lincoln of Arkansas and the Honorable Senator Jeff  
24 Bingaman of New Mexico, for their brave and altruistic efforts to  
25 reinstate the Medicaid eligibility of citizens of Freely

1 Associated States; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
3 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States  
4 of Micronesia, the Governor of each FSM state, the Governor of  
5 Hawaii, the Governor of Guam, the Governor of the Commonwealth of  
6 the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Congressional delegation of  
7 the State of Hawaii, the Honorable Senator Blanche L. Lincoln, the  
8 Honorable Senator Jeff Bingaman, and the former Congressman Neil  
9 Abercrombie.

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11 Date: 9/27/10

Introduced by: /s/ Setiro Paul  
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