

A RESOLUTION

Requesting the President to urge the Department of Foreign Affairs to negotiate with foreign governments and private entities for the return of artifacts taken from the Chuuk Lagoon so they may housed in the new Chuuk State History Museum.

1 WHEREAS, there are many artifacts of historical and cultural
2 importance to the Federated States of Micronesia located in and
3 around the Chuuk Lagoon area, particularly those items from the
4 World War II period; and

5 WHEREAS, in the past many individuals and organizations from
6 outside of the Federated States of Micronesia have collected
7 artifacts from the Chuuk Lagoon area; and

8 WHEREAS, the State of Chuuk is proud to have recently
9 dedicated its new Chuuk State History Museum, and has demonstrated
10 great dedication and skill in the preservation of important
11 artifacts of historical and cultural importance; and

12 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia now has a secure
13 and proper facility to house important artifacts from the Chuuk
14 Lagoon; and

15 WHEREAS, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia
16 recognizes the importance of locating its artifacts of historical
17 and cultural significance in its own country; now, therefore,

18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated States
19 of Micronesia, Fifth Special Session, 2014, that the Congress
20 hereby requests the President to urge the Department of Foreign

1 Affairs to negotiate with foreign governments and private entities
2 for the return of artifacts taken from the Chuuk Lagoon so they
3 may be house in the new Chuuk State History Museum;

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copies of this
5 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States
6 of Micronesia, and Governor of the State of Chuuk.

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8 Date: 11/19/14 Introduced by: /s/ Wesley W. Simina
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