

A RESOLUTION

Requesting the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to call upon the Department of Transportation, Communications, and Infrastructure and the Department of Finance and Administration to explore the viability of putting out to bid all government air travel between the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Guam, Palau, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

1 WHEREAS, a Hawaii State Senator recently proposed a
2 novel idea to invite greater air competition within the
3 region with the goal of decreasing current fares for
4 government air travel by 50%; and

5 WHEREAS, the Government of the Federated States of
6 Micronesia has recognized that aviation is a priority
7 sector for development; and

8 WHEREAS, dissatisfaction with the current options for
9 air travel within the region is widely expressed; and

10 WHEREAS, the Air Transport Action Group estimates
11 that over the next 20 years, air traffic is expected to
12 grow at an annual rate of 5.4% across small island states
13 worldwide; and

14 WHEREAS, the interests of the Government of the
15 Federated States of Micronesia would be best served by
16 making judicious use of limited financial resources; now,
17 therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Nineteenth Congress of the
2 Federated States of Micronesia, Fifth Regular Session,
3 2016, that Congress requests that the President of the
4 Federated States of Micronesia call upon the Department of
5 Transportation, Communications, and Infrastructure and the
6 Department of Finance and Administration to explore the
7 viability of putting out to bid all government air travel
8 between the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic
9 of the Marshall Islands, Guam, Palau, and the Commonwealth
10 of the Northern Mariana Islands; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
12 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated
13 States of Micronesia.

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