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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE
CONSTRUCTION OF A HOSPITAL IN THE FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA, THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, OR THE
REPUBLIC OF PALAU.

1 WHEREAS, the residents of the Federated States of
2 Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the
3 Republic of Palau frequently need to leave their homes and
4 travel to the United States, most frequently Hawaii or Guam, in
5 order to receive critical medical care; and

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7 WHEREAS, the Compact of Free Association enables citizens
8 of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, or Palau to travel to
9 Hawaii and Guam in search of medical services; and

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11 WHEREAS, travel to the United States often presents a
12 significant financial hardship for residents of Micronesia, the
13 Marshall Islands, or Palau, which must be balanced against the
14 need for medical care; and

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16 WHEREAS, the availability of qualified medical facilities
17 within Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, or Palau would
18 alleviate the need for their residents to travel abroad to
19 obtain medical care; and

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21 WHEREAS, the construction of a hospital in Micronesia, the
22 Marshall Islands, or Palau would not only provide critical
23 medical services for residents in the region but also stimulate
24 the local economy by creating jobs; now, therefore,

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011,
28 that the Federal Government is hereby requested to provide
29 funding for the construction of a hospital within the Federated
30 States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, or Palau in order to
31 meet the medical needs of the people residing in the region; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Resolution be transmitted to the United States Congressional



1 Delegation for Hawaii, United States Ambassador to the Federated
2 States of Micronesia, United States Ambassador to the Republic
3 of the Marshall Islands, and United States Ambassador to the
4 Republic of Palau.

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