

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing the continuing accomplishments of Mr. Manuel Miningfel of the State of Yap for his continuing accomplishments and 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 had
3 previously won gold medals in the 62kg weight division in the 2002
4 Micronesian Games in Pohnpei, the 2003 Oceania Weightlifting
5 Championships in Tonga, the 2003 South Pacific Games in Fiji and
6 the 2004 Oceania Weightlifting Championships in Fiji; and

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

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

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

20 WHEREAS, in October, 2006, Mr. Miningfel competed at the
21 World Weightlifting Championships in Santo Domingo where he became

1 the first ever athlete from the Federated States of Micronesia to
2 win a medal at a World Championship by winning the silver medal in
3 the "Clean and Jerk Section" in the 62KG category with a lift of
4 165KG; and,

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

10 WHEREAS, the accomplishments of Mr. Manuel Miningfel in the
11 international sport of weightlifting have brought great
12 recognition and honor not only to himself, but to all of the
13 people of the Federated States of Micronesia; now, therefore,

14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Fourteenth Congress of the Federated
15 States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2007, that the
16 Congress hereby expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Mr.
17 Manuel Miningfel for his achievements in regional, international
18 and Olympic weightlifting competition, which are a source of great
19 pride, and inspiration to the people of his country.

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

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6 Date: 1/16/07

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