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SENATE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE FACILITATION OF A PATH TO CITIZENSHIP FOR
IMMIGRANTS FROM PARTIES TO THE COMPACTS OF FREE
ASSOCIATION.

1 WHEREAS, the Compacts of Free Association are a series of
2 treaties between the United States, the Federated States of
3 Micronesia, the Republic of Palau, and the Republic of the
4 Marshall Islands; and

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6 WHEREAS, these treaties were partially established as
7 compensation for the loss of life, health, land, and resources
8 due to the numerous nuclear weapons tests on the Marshall
9 Islands and Bikini and Enewetak Atolls conducted by the United
10 States from 1946 to 1958; and

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12 WHEREAS, the Compacts allow citizens of Micronesia to live
13 and legally work in the United States without visas, as well as
14 have access to social and health services; and

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16 WHEREAS, in return, the United States has sole access to
17 and substantial military and veto power over areas of these
18 island nations, which are considered of great strategic value;
19 now, therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,
23 that the United States Congress is encouraged to facilitate a
24 path to citizenship for immigrants from the Federated States of
25 Micronesia, the Republic of Palau, and the Republic of the
26 Marshall Islands; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that United States Immigration and
29 Customs Enforcement is requested to refrain from deporting the
30 aforementioned immigrants; and

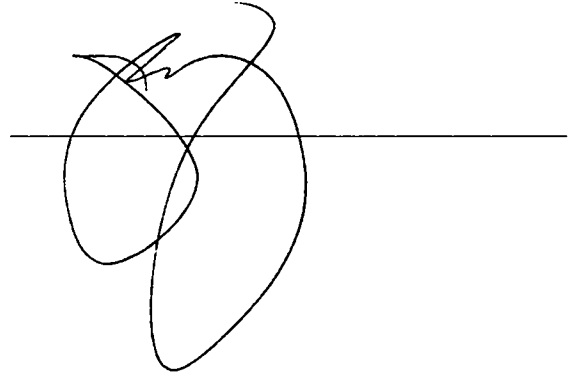
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Resolution be transmitted to the Majority Leader of the United
34 States Senate, Speaker of the United States House of
35 Representatives, members of Hawaii's congressional delegation,



1 and Director of United States Immigration and Customs
2 Enforcement.

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