NITIJELA OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS
42ND CONSTITUTIONAL REGULAR SESSION, 2021

Republic of the Marshall Islands
Jepilpilin Ke Ejukaan

RESOLUTION 56

A RESOLUTION to express our profound appreciations and utmost gratitude to Representative Katie Porter, from California's 45th district, United States House of Representatives for advocating on multiple fronts on Compact issues and issues relating to the nuclear test legacy compensation, health and radiological issues for Marshallese.

WHEREAS, Representative Katie Porter (D-California) is well known as a champion for accountability in government and in the private sector. Whether tackling price gouging in prescription drug markets, speculative trading and outright fraud among financial institutions, or monopolization in the tech industry, her reputation as a public advocate is a result of the bold legislative efforts she has led as well as the audacious, and oft-viral, cross examinations of business, lobbyists, and appointed public servants; and

WHEREAS, Representative Porter also happens to be a vocal critic of the wasteful spending and flawed rationale that underpin on nuclear weapons systems; and

WHEREAS, Representative Porter has been advocating since earlier of this year (2021) to resolve nuclear test legacy compensation, health and radiological issues for Marshallese; and

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2021, Representative Porter delivered her general remark to the House of Representatives on the nuclear legacy in which Rep. Porter historically described, "On July and March marks the 75th anniversary of the first U.S. Nuclear tests in the Marshall Islands, a tragedy that continues today. Orange County is

proud to be home to one of the oldest Marshallese-American communities, but why the Marshallese came to the United States is a disgraceful chapter in our nation's history. From 1946 to 1958, the United States conducted 67 nuclear tests in the Marshall Islands. We deceived the Marshallese, using them as guinea pigs to study the effects of radiation. We turned ancestral lands into dumping grounds for nuclear waste. And we still haven't done the bare minimum to make this right. We established a tribunal for compensation, but provided less than 10 percent of the money owed. We don't even translate environmental studies into Marshallese. Our nuclear legacy in the Marshall Islands at the nexus of President Biden's top priorities: Racial justice, Healthcare, Climate change, U.S. global reputation, Countering China through diplomacy. We must commit across party lines to make this right."; and

WHEREAS, Representative Porter has now drafted an amendment for the annual National Defence and Energy of documents relating to nuclear, ballistic missile or chemical weapons tests conducted in the Republic. The proposed amendment would require two departments to report back within one year of adoption of the legislation in which departments would require to make public any information that was declassified as a result of the review and to submit justification to the Congress "for not declassifying any information required to be included in the declassification review that remains classified; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment is being supported by Representative Amata Radewagen of American Samoa and Gregorio Kilili Sablan of the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Island (CNMI), and we strongly believe many others will join in support of the amendment; and

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2021, Representative Porter and Representative Grijalva of Arizona urged the Biden Administration, through their letter, to name a personal representative of the president with a clear mandate from the White House's National Security Council (NSC) to head the US Compact renegotiation team to enable resolution of the wide range of issues the talks need to encompass.

WHEREAS, Representative Porter and Grijalva demands in a letter delivered to President Joe Biden as well as the Defence, Interior, and the State Department earlier this summer (2021), in which 15 members of Congress described the relationship between the U.S. and Micronesian countries as vital due to a long shared history and

"critical presents and futures." COFA's benefits for the U.S. military, which include "the right to mutual control over an expanse of the Pacific as large as the 48 continental States," highlight the Pacific's importance, as both the U.S. and China court our region with "economic leverage" and "financial assistance"; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the Nitijela on behalf of the people and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands expresses our appreciation and big komooltata to Representative Katie Porter of California's 45th District, United States House of Representative for her support in advocating on issues relating to the COFA (Compact) and nuclear legacy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, through their Nitijela at its 42nd Constitutional Regular Session 2021, that the Nitijela hereby expresses our profound appreciations and utmost gratitude to Representative Katie Porter, from California's 45th district, United States House of Representatives for advocating on multiple fronts on Compact issues and issues relating to the nuclear test legacy compensation, health and radiological issues for Marshallese.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, the Speaker of the Nitijela (National Parliament), shall transmit a certified copy of the resolution to the Office of the Representative Katie Porter, United States House of Representatives.

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