NITIJELA OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS
43RD CONSTITUTIONAL REGULAR SESSION, 2022

Republic of the Marshall Islands
Jepilpilin Ke Ejukaan

RESOLUTION 66

A RESOLUTION to express profound appreciations and conveys our gratitude to United States Senators Edward J. Markey, Mazie Hirono, Representatives Katie Porter, Judy Chu, Dina Titus and Amata Radewagen for introducing a Joint House Resolution recognizing the legacy of United States nuclear testing in the Marshall Islands.

WHEREAS, from 1946-1958, the United States had conducted 67 atmospheric nuclear weapons tests in the Marshall Islands which consequently had led to the contamination of our land, displacement of our citizens and continued health impacts. The tests had an explosive yield equivalent to roughly 1.7 Hiroshima sized bombs every day for 12 years exposing Marshallese to harmful radiation; and

WHEREAS, a joint U.S. House and Senate resolution introduced on March 1, 2022 calls on the United States to prioritize nuclear justice in its negotiations with the Marshall Islands on the extended Compact of Free Association and to help the Marshallese battle the existential threat of the climate crisis: and

WHEREAS, the nuclear testing program in the Marshalls has led to long-lasting harms to the people of the four atolls and the whole of Marshall Islands. The

damage and displacement in part drove Marshallese migration to many parts of the Unite States.

WHEREAS, the joint House resolution also reaffirms the relationship between the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Palau and the United States of America with whom the United States is currently negotiating to extend key international agreements that allows the United States to control land, air, and maritime access in the Indo-Pacific region; and

WHEREAS, the resolution seeks apology from the Marshallese and calls attention to what was done and raises awareness about the need to do more to undo this harm. This formal apology is long overdue to the Republic of the Marshall Islands for the harmful legacy of United States nuclear testing; 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, 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 United States Senators Edward J. Markey, Mazie Hirono, and United States Representatives Katie Porter, Judy Chu, Dina Titus and Amata Radewagen for sponsoring and co-sponsoring a joint initiative to introduce a resolution recognizing the legacy of United States nuclear testing in the Marshall Islands

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, through their Nitijela at its 43rd Constitutional Regular Session, 2022, that the Nitijela expresses and hereby expressed our profound appreciations and conveys our gratitude to United States Senators Edward J. Markey, Mazie Hirono, Representatives Katie Porter, Judy Chu, Dina Titus and Amata Radewagen for introducing a Joint House Resolution recognizing the legacy of United States nuclear testing in the Marshall Islands;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted by the Office of the Speaker of the Nitijela to the United States Congress, namely, Senators Edward J. Markey, Mazie Hirono, Representatives Katie Porter, Judy Chu, Dina Titus and Amata Radewagen.

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