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A RESOLUTION

Expressing our collective support, commendation and congratulations to Manuel Minginfel, for his achievements and his representing the State of Yap and the FSM in the 2008 Olympic Games to be held in Beijing, China.

WHEREAS, the people and the Government of the State of Yap collectively and individually declare our support and convey our encouragement best wishes to Manuel Minginfel on his upcoming competition in the 2008 Olympic Games; and

WHEREAS, Minginfel has been successfully representing the State of Yap as its favorite son athlete since the First FSM Games in 1995 in Pohnpei when he competed in his first ever event in the 54kg class and won three (3) gold medals and began his climb to regional and international fame; and

WHEREAS, Minginfel in the 2<sup>nd</sup> FSM Games in Kosrae in 1997 competed in the 56 kg class and won three (3) gold medals; and

WHEREAS, in 1997 he competed in the Mini South Pacific Games in Samoa and won three (3) silver medals in the 56kg class; and

WHEREAS, in the larger Micronesian Games in Palau in 1998, Minginfel again competed in the 56 kg class and won three (3) gold medals;

and

WHEREAS, Minginfel showed the region what he is made of in his consistent climb from a provincial athlete to a regional and world athlete for which his state and people of Yap State are proud; and

WHEREAS, in the 1999 South Pacific Games in Guam he competed in the 56 kg and won three (3) gold medals and earned the status of a regional athlete; and

WHEREAS, in the same year, 1999, Minginfel competed in the World Championship in Greece and was ranked twenty-one in the world in the 56kg class; and

WHEREAS, in 2000 Minginfel won the wild card entry to weightlifting in the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia; and

WHEREAS, in the 3<sup>rd</sup> FSM Games held in his home state, Minginfel performed superbly by winning three (3) gold medals after he had carried the torch and lit the flame for Yap State in the Opening Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, again in the Micronesian Games in Pohnpei in 2002, Minginfel with ease won three (3) gold medals; and

WHEREAS, Minginfel lived up to his distinguished status as a regional athlete in Suva, Fiji in the 2003 South Pacific Games where he not only won three (3) gold medals but was recognized as the Best Lifter of the

Tournament; and

WHEREAS, in the Commonwealth Oceania South Pacific Weight Lifting Championship in Tonga in 2003, Minginfel was recognized as the outstanding lifter in the tournament in which he won two (2) gold medals; and

WHEREAS, the prestigious 2004 Sinclair Award was awarded to Minginfel at the Oceania Championships in Fiji, where he was recognized as the outstanding lifter of the tournament after winning two (2) gold medals for lifting the greatest total weight compared to his body weight; and

WHEREAS, Minginfel became the first ever FSM athlete to qualify outright for the Olympic Games and earned the rank of 10<sup>th</sup> place of the 62 kg class in the world in the 2004 Olympic Games in Greece; and

WHEREAS, Minginfel ranked 7<sup>th</sup> overall in the 2005 World Weightlifting Championship held in Doha, Quatar, and moved on to 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the next year when the competition was held in Dominican Republic of San Domingo; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Minginfel competed in the International Weightlifting Federation World Cup (IWF) and ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, and he

also represented and won the Silver Medal for the FSM (2<sup>nd</sup> overall) in the Arnold Schwarzenegger Classic Championship held in Columbus Ohio in the US; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his stature as a regional and international athlete and his potential to compete regionally and globally, Minginfel had been awarded the Oceania Scholarship to train for the Beijing Olympics in 2008; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the outstanding achievements unmatched by any other individual athlete in the recent history of the State of Yap and the Federated States of Micronesia, Minginfel is deserving of the utmost admiration and respect of the people of Yap State and the athletes throughout the region; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Seventh Legislature of the State of Yap, Second Regular Session, 2008, that on behalf of the government and people of the State of Yap, the Legislature hereby expresses our collective support, commendation and congratulations and best wishes to Manuel Minginfel, for his achievements and his representing the State of Yap and the FSM in the 2008 Olympic Games to be held in Beijing, China; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Manuel Minginfel, the Governor of Yap State, the President of the FSM, the Speaker of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Yap State Sports Council, the FSM Olympic Committee, the Chairman of the Council of Pilung, and the Chairman of the Council of Tamol.

Adopted: July 29, 2008

