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**A HOUSE RESOLUTION**

Respectfully requesting Air Nauru to expand its airline services to the State of Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) to provide accessible, affordable, and reliable flight options for the residents of Chuuk.

1           **WHEREAS**, since its inception, Air Nauru, now operating as Nauru Airlines, has  
2 demonstrated a steadfast commitment to connecting the Pacific Islands and providing  
3 residents with access to reliable and economical airline services, embodying its role as a vital  
4 regional link; and

5           **WHEREAS**, a competitive aviation market, characterized by the presence of multiple  
6 airline services, fosters increased choice, reduced fares, improved service quality, and  
7 enhanced overall connectivity for island nations, thereby stimulating economic growth, trade,  
8 and tourism; and

9           **WHEREAS**, recognizing the persistent challenge of high transportation costs and  
10 unreliable services faced by the Federated States of Micronesia, Air Nauru commendably  
11 expanded its airline services to the State of Chuuk in November 2015, only to regrettably  
12 cease operations in 2019 for reasons that remain unclear to the public; and

13           **WHEREAS**, during its brief but impactful period of operation in Chuuk State from  
14 2015 to 2019, Air Nauru significantly benefited the State by offering reliable and notably  
15 more affordable flight options to the residents of Chuuk, fostering greater inter-island  
16 movement, supporting local businesses, and providing crucial access for medical, educational,  
17 and family travel; and

18           **WHEREAS**, currently, only one airline maintains regular operations in Chuuk State,  
19 severely limiting the availability of reliable and affordable flight options and imposing undue  
20 burdens on travelers and businesses; and

21           **WHEREAS**, on various occasions, Chuukese leaders, along with other esteemed  
22 Micronesian and Pacific Regional leaders, have consistently recognized and publicly  
23 acknowledged the urgent need to maximize the availability of frequent, affordable, and  
24 reliable air transportation services across the islands, including specifically the State of  
25 Chuuk; and

26           **WHEREAS**, in November 2023, Air Nauru strategically launched its "Australia North  
27 Pacific Connector" service, commonly known as the "Island Hopper," designed to bridge the  
28 North Pacific with the South Pacific, establishing a crucial air link from Palau to Brisbane,  
29 Australia, with essential stopovers in Nauru, Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, and Pohnpei,  
30 specifically aimed at enhancing regional connectivity, fostering tourism, and facilitating trade  
31 and cultural exchanges; and

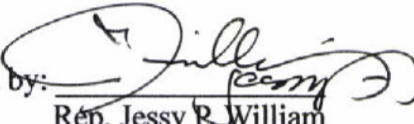
32           **WHEREAS**, the re-establishment and expansion of Air Nauru's services to Chuuk  
33 State would provide an indispensable additional air carrier, offering more affordable,  
34 economical, and reliable flight options to and from Chuuk and other destinations; and would

1 significantly enhance connectivity for Chuuk to its sister States across the Pacific Region; and  
2 further, would substantially boost the State's economy, facilitate trade and commerce, and  
3 invigorate its nascent tourism industry; now, therefore,

4 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the House of Representatives of the Eighteenth Chuuk State  
5 Legislature, First Regular Session, April 2025, that the House of Representatives hereby  
6 respectfully requests Air Nauru to expand its services to the State of Chuuk, Federated States  
7 of Micronesia, thereby providing the residents of Chuuk with access to a reliable, affordable,  
8 and expanded means of air transportation to and from the State; and

9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that certified copies of this Resolution be  
10 transmitted to the President of Air Nauru, the President of the Federated States of Micronesia,  
11 the Governor of the State of Chuuk, the President of the Senate of the Chuuk State Legislature,  
12 and the Chief Justice of the Chuuk State Supreme Court.

Date: 08/13/25

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