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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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URGING THE PEACE CORPS TO IMMEDIATELY ESTABLISH A MISSION IN THE  
MARSHALL ISLANDS.

1 WHEREAS, the Republic of the Marshall Islands signed a  
2 Compact of Free Association with the United States in 1983; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the United States has full authority and  
5 responsibility for security and defense of the Marshall Islands  
6 and the two nations have full diplomatic relations; and  
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8 WHEREAS, the economy of the Marshall Islands is mainly  
9 derived from United States payments under the terms of the  
10 Compact of Free Association and the United States Department of  
11 Defense is one of the largest employers in the nation; and  
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13 WHEREAS, only approximately forty-three per cent of  
14 Marshallese people over the age of twenty-five have completed  
15 high school and only nine per cent have graduated from college;  
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18 WHEREAS, nuclear testing in the vicinity of the Marshall  
19 Islands has led to significant health issues, including various  
20 forms of cancer and birth defects; and  
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22 WHEREAS, years of nuclear testing, overfishing, and climate  
23 change have significantly diminished traditional food sources;  
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25 WHEREAS, ninety per cent of the Marshallese food supply  
26 chain is made up from imported goods; and  
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28 WHEREAS, eighty per cent of food imports are processed  
29 foods which have led to alarmingly high rates of obesity and  
30 diabetes among the adult population; and  
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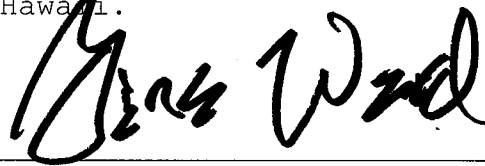
1 WHEREAS, the Peace Corps previously served in the Marshall  
2 Islands from 1966 through 1996; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
5 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
6 of 2025, that the Peace Corps immediately establish a mission in  
7 the Marshall Islands; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Peace Corps coordinate  
10 humanitarian efforts with as many additional agencies as  
11 possible, such as the U.S. Department of Defense, the State of  
12 Hawaii, the United Nations, the Red Cross, and any other  
13 organization providing economic relief and food security in the  
14 region; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
17 Resolution be transmitted to the Marshall Islands Minister of  
18 Foreign Affairs, U.S. Secretary of Defense, Administrator of the  
19 U.S. Agency for International Development, Director of the Peace  
20 Corps, and Governor of the State of Hawaii.

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