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Recognizing the longstanding friendship between the Kingdom of Morocco
and the United States of America.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SCHNEIDER (for himself and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina) submitted
the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign
Affairs

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the longstanding friendship between the
Kingdom of Morocco and the United States of America.

Whereas December 1, 2027, will mark the 250th anniversary
of the Kingdom of Morocco becoming the first country to
recognize the United States of America, a milestone in
one of the longest standing diplomatic relationships in
United States history;

Whereas, on December 1, 1777, Sultan Sidi Muhammad Ben
Abdullah established relations with the United States,
opening Moroccan ports to American merchants during
the War for Independence;

Whereas, in December 1780, the Continental Congress sent
its first diplomatic correspondence to the Kingdom of
Morocco, expressing a desire for peace and friendship;

Whereas, on July 18, 1787, the United States ratified the Treaty of Peace and Friendship, also known as the Treaty of Marrakech, establishing formal diplomatic and commercial relations between the United States and the Kingdom of Morocco;

Whereas the Treaty of Peace and Friendship remains the longest unbroken diplomatic relationship in United States history;

Whereas the Kingdom of Morocco gifted the Tangier American Legation to the United States in 1821, making it the first American diplomatic property abroad and a lasting symbol of United States-Morocco friendship;

Whereas Morocco has historically fostered religious coexistence, including the protection of Jewish communities, and has engaged in interfaith dialogue and Holocaust education;

Whereas Moroccan-American communities contribute to the cultural diversity of the United States and maintain deep connections to their heritage;

Whereas the United States and Morocco have built a multifaceted partnership based on shared strategic, economic, and cultural interests;

Whereas Morocco remains the only African country with a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the United States, and since the FTA's enactment in 2006, bilateral agricultural trade has expanded;

Whereas the United States and Morocco cooperate closely on regional security, counterterrorism efforts, and military coordination, including participation in joint military exercises such as African Lion;

Whereas Morocco collaborates with the United States in nuclear nonproliferation, countering illicit arms trafficking, and enhancing regional security initiatives;

Whereas Morocco is a signatory to the Abraham Accords and continues to engage in diplomatic initiatives to promote regional stability;

Whereas the United States and Morocco engage in cultural, educational, and humanitarian cooperation, including Peace Corps programs, disaster management training, and joint health initiatives; and

Whereas Morocco participates in global humanitarian efforts, including public health initiatives and crisis response collaborations: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the approaching 250th anniversary of the Kingdom of Morocco’s recognition of the
3 United States and the enduring friendship between
4 the two nations;

5 (2) acknowledges Morocco’s history of religious
6 coexistence and the contributions of Moroccan-American
7 communities to United States society;

8 (3) affirms the importance of the United
9 States-Morocco relationship in promoting mutual
10 economic and security interests;

11 (4) commends Morocco’s engagement in regional
12 diplomacy, including its participation in the
13 Abraham Accords;

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1 (5) encourages continued United States-Mo-
2 rocco cooperation in trade, security, digital trans-
3 formation, and humanitarian efforts, recognizing
4 both shared opportunities and challenges in the part-
5 nership; and

6 (6) supports efforts to commemorate this mile-
7 stone in the lead-up to 2027, highlighting the histor-
8 ical and strategic importance of the United States-
9 Morocco alliance.

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