
HOUSE RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING AND REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ESTABLISH A SISTER-
STATE RELATIONSHIP THROUGH THE HAWAII SISTER-STATE
COMMITTEE BETWEEN THE STATE OF HAWAII OF THE UNITED STATES
AND THE STATE OF RABAT-SALÉ-ZEMMOUR-ZAËR OF THE KINGDOM OF
MOROCCO.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii maintains a heritage of international
2 participation and cultural sensitivity unparalleled in other
3 states due to its multicultural population since the reign of
4 the Hawaiian monarchy in the early 19th century; and
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6 WHEREAS, since 1981, this body has instituted sister-state
7 relationships as a means of asserting its active participation
8 in international matters; and
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10 WHEREAS, Hawaii currently maintains 15 sister-state
11 relationships; and
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13 WHEREAS, this body finds it advantageous to continue to
14 pursue sister-state relationships, for both cultural and
15 economic development reasons, with attention focused on
16 fostering the most productive ties; and
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18 WHEREAS, Hawaii initiated informal relations with the
19 Moroccan state of Rabat-Salé-Zemmour-Zaër, as both states hosted
20 a World Youth Congress assembly administered by Peace Child
21 International of the United Kingdom; and
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23 WHEREAS, this body extends its gratitude to His Majesty
24 King Mohammed VI for graciously hosting Hawaii's designated
25 representative to Morocco at the Moroccan-hosted Second World
26 Youth Congress in August, 2003; and
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28 WHEREAS, this body notes many other connections between our
29 states, including the semester-long visit of Mr. Driss Semlani,
30 a teacher from El Malek Assaadi High School in Kenitra, Morocco,
31 to Hawaii in the spring of 2002 as part of the New Initiative
32 Teacher Exchange program, an initiative of the United States



1 Department of State and the Moroccan-American Commission for
2 Educational and Cultural Exchange; and

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4 WHEREAS, Mr. Jan Rumi, who attended the Second World Youth
5 Congress in 2003 as an adult observer, is now serving as the
6 Honorary Consul for the Kingdom of Morocco located in Honolulu;
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9 WHEREAS, the state of Rabat-Salé-Zemmour-Zaër maintains a
10 population of about 2,000,000 residents, three-fourths of whom
11 live in urban areas on the eastern Atlantic coast, including the
12 city of Rabat, the seat of the Kingdom of Morocco; and

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14 WHEREAS, this body finds that the negotiations have been
15 completed between the United States government and the Kingdom
16 of Morocco and a free trade agreement has been secured as part
17 of the Middle East Free Trade Area Initiative of President
18 George W. Bush; and

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20 WHEREAS, this body believes this relationship would be
21 mutually beneficial and sustainable, advancing its goals for
22 international peace and brotherhood; now, therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
26 of 2011, that the Governor is authorized and requested to take
27 all necessary actions to establish a sister-state relationship
28 through the Hawaii Sister-State Committee between Hawaii and the
29 state of Rabat-Salé-Zemmour-Zaër, Kingdom of Morocco, to include
30 economic, social, governmental, educational, and cultural
31 exchange; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state of Rabat-Salé-
34 Zemmour-Zaër be offered the privileges and honors that Hawaii
35 extends to its sister-states and provinces; and

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor and the Hawaii
38 Sister-State Committee are requested to report to the
39 Legislature on the progress made with respect to this Resolution
40 no later than 20 days before the convening of the Regular
41 Session of 2012; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Secretary of
2 State and the Embassy in Rabat are requested to assist in the
3 matters proposed by this Resolution; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the business community of
6 Hawaii is also requested to assist in the matters proposed by
7 this Resolution, as in all matters concerning sister-state
8 relations; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Resolution be transmitted to the United States Secretary of
12 State, King of Morocco, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of
13 Morocco, United States Ambassador-designee to the Kingdom of
14 Morocco, Moroccan Ambassador to the United States, Congressional
15 delegation from Hawaii, Governor of Hawaii, Governor of the
16 state of Rabat-Salé-Zemmour-Zaër, Chairperson of the Hawaii
17 Sister-State Committee, President of the University of Hawaii,
18 President and Chief Executive Officer of the Chamber of Commerce
19 of Hawaii, and Honorary Consul for the Kingdom of Morocco in
20 Hawaii.

