## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011 STATE OF HAWAII

H.R. NO. 212

## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ESTABLISH A SISTER-STATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HAWAII AND THE PROVINCE OF MARRAKESH OF THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO.

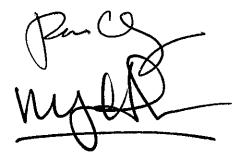
1 WHEREAS, Hawaii maintains a heritage of international participation and cultural sensitivity unparalleled in other 2 states due to its multicultural population since the reign of 3 the Hawaiian monarchy in the early 19th century; and 4 5 WHEREAS, since 1981, the Legislature has instituted sister-6 7 state relationships as a means of asserting its active 8 participation in international matters; and 9 10 WHEREAS, as of December 2008, Hawaii maintained 15 sisterstate relationships, mostly between Asia and the Pacific; and 11 12 13 WHEREAS, it is advantageous to continue to pursue sister-14 state relationships for cultural and economic development reasons, with attention focused on fostering the most productive 15 16 ties; and 17 WHEREAS, a relationship between Hawaii and the Kingdom of 18 Morocco began with the Millennium Young People's Congress in 19 20 1999; and 21 WHEREAS, in 2006, a sister-county relationship was 22 established between Rabat, Morocco, and the City and County of 23 24 Honolulu; and 25 WHEREAS, numerous other events and activities have occurred 26 27 to strengthen ties between Hawaii and the Kingdom of Morocco, including an "Aloha Morocco Week" event held in 2007; and 28 29

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1 WHEREAS, a relationship between Hawaii and Morocco would be mutually beneficial and sustainable, advancing mutual goals for 2 international peace and brotherhood; now, therefore, 3 4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 5 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 6 of 2011, that the Governor is requested to establish a sister-7 state relationship between Hawaii and the province of Marrakesh 8 of the Kingdom of Morocco; and 9 10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 11 Resolution be transmitted to the United States Secretary of 12 State, Governor of the province of Marrakesh, Governor of the 13 State of Hawaii, and Honorary Counsel for the Kingdom of Morocco 14 15 in Hawaii. 16 17 18

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