

By Senator Rodriguez

40-02485A-26

20261798__

Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing the importance of the Kingdom of Morocco's business, trade, and cultural cooperation with the State of Florida and the enduring diplomatic, business, and cultural ties between the Kingdom of Morocco and the United States of America.

WHEREAS, diplomatic relations between the Kingdom of Morocco and the United States of America date back more than two centuries to 1777, when Morocco became the first nation to recognize the independence of the United States, later

formalized through the 1786 Treaty of Peace and Friendship — one of the oldest unbroken treaties in U.S. diplomatic history, and

WHEREAS, the bilateral partnership was further strengthened by the historic proclamation of President Donald J. Trump in December 2020, recognizing the full sovereignty of the Kingdom of Morocco over its Sahara, reaffirming the strategic alliance between the two nations and paving the way for a new era of cooperation in peace, security, and regional development, and

WHEREAS, under the visionary leadership of His Majesty King Mohammed VI, the Kingdom of Morocco has launched the Royal Initiative for Atlantic Cooperation, also known as the Partnership for Atlantic Cooperation, an ambitious framework enabling Morocco to deepen political, economic, and cultural ties between Africa and the Americas, and

WHEREAS, as a strategic hub within the African continent and a committed member of the African Continental Free Trade Area, the Kingdom of Morocco stands as a vital gateway for enhanced partnership and mutually beneficial trade and

40-02485A-26

20261798__

investment between Africa and the United States, and

WHEREAS, in June 2025, the Kingdom of Morocco inaugurated the Consulate General of the Kingdom of Morocco in Miami, marking a historic milestone in Moroccan-American relations and underscoring Morocco's commitment to strengthening diplomatic, economic, and cultural ties with the State of Florida and the broader southeastern United States, and

WHEREAS, in October 2025, the President of the Casablanca-Settat region, Mr. Abdellatif Maâzouz, and Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava signed a memorandum of understanding establishing a Sister Cities agreement between the region of Casablanca-Settat and Miami-Dade County, to advance cooperation in trade, investment, innovation, sustainability, and cultural exchange, and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with this partnership, the Casablanca-Settat Chamber of Commerce, Industry, and Services, the American Chamber of Commerce in Florida, and CAMACOL (the Latin Chamber of Commerce of the United States) signed a tripartite memorandum of understanding promoting business collaboration, investment opportunities, and private sector exchanges between Morocco and Florida, and

WHEREAS, in November 2023, the City of Hollywood and the City of Laâyoune, Morocco, formalized a Sister City agreement to promote mutual understanding and collaboration in such areas as tourism, culture, education, and sustainable development, strengthening people-to-people connections between Moroccan and Floridian communities, and

WHEREAS, the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement, signed in 2004 and the only such agreement the United States has

40-02485A-26

20261798__

concluded with an African country, continues to foster economic and commercial cooperation, making Morocco one of America's key trade partners in Africa and encouraging bilateral investment and industrial collaboration, and

WHEREAS, the Dante B. Fascell Port of Miami-Dade County and the Port of Casablanca signed a Sister Seaports agreement in October 2002 to promote maritime connectivity, logistics cooperation, and exchange of expertise, reinforcing both ports' strategic roles as gateways for transatlantic trade among North America, Africa, and Europe, and

WHEREAS, these region-to-region, city-to-city, and port-to-port partnerships demonstrate Morocco's leadership in establishing transatlantic cooperation that supports sustainable maritime, economic, and cultural development, while advancing Florida's global economic engagement, and

WHEREAS, ongoing cultural and diaspora exchanges, supported by the Consulate General of the Kingdom of Morocco in Miami, have continued to enhance mutual understanding and foster closer relations between Moroccan and Floridian communities through joint events celebrating heritage, arts, and intercultural dialogue, and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida acknowledges the importance of Morocco as a strategic bridge between Africa, Europe, and the Americas and welcomes deeper cooperation in trade, maritime industries, tourism, green energy, and education, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

40-02485A-26

20261798__

88 That the Senate recognizes the importance of the Kingdom of
89 Morocco's business, trade, and cultural cooperation with the
90 State of Florida and the enduring diplomatic, business, and
91 cultural ties between the Kingdom of Morocco and the United
92 States of America.