

A resolution has been introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives that officially marks the upcoming date of December 1, 2027, 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”*.

The bill was proposed by Rep. Brad Schneider (IL-10) and Joe Wilson, the Representative from South Carolina and referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The resolution reaffirms a great many long standing bilateral relations including everything from how *“Moroccan-American communities contribute to the cultural diversity of the United States and maintain deep connections to their heritage; to how Morocco remains the only African country with a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the United States, to 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.”*

The bill sums up by saying that the U.S. supports all efforts to commemorate the 250th anniversary and the lead-up to 2027, highlighting the *“historical and strategic importance of the United States-Morocco alliance.”* This resolution is in the first stage of the legislative process. It will typically be considered by committee next before it is possibly sent on to the House or Senate as a whole.