CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—SENATE 11461

June 20, 2000

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 325

Whereas Morocco was the first country to recognize the independence of the United States;

Whereas Morocco and the United States signed a Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation in 1877;

Whereas the Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation stands as the basis for the longest unbroken friendship between a foreign country in the history of the Republic;

Whereas the close relationship between the United States and Morocco has helped the United States advance important national interests;

Whereas the United States and Morocco have long shared the objectives of securing a true and lasting peace in the Near East region and have worked together to establish and advance the Middle East peace process;

Whereas, under the leadership of the late King Hassan II, Morocco played a critical role in hosting summits, promoting dialogue, and encouraging moderation in the Middle East, leading to some of the peace process’s most important and lasting achievements;

Whereas, with the ascension of the King Hassan II’s successor, King Mohammed VI, Morocco is suitably positioned and ably guided to continue its leadership to maintain its traditional role in the peace process;

Whereas Morocco and the United States have worked successfully to enhance economic stability, growth, and progress in the Maghreb region and its environs, including Morocco’s role as host to the inaugural Middle East and North Africa Summit held in Casablanca in 1994, and Morocco’s continuing prominence in sustaining that dialogue and promoting economic integration with Tunisia and Algeria;

Whereas King Mohammed VI has assumed and expanded the legacy of his father, the late Hassan II, in strengthening the rule of law, promoting the concepts of democracy, human rights, and individual liberties, and implementing far-reaching economic and social reforms to benefit all of the people of Morocco;

Whereas the preservation of the rights and freedoms of the Moroccan people and the expansion of reforms in Morocco represent a model for progress and bolster the foreign policy objectives of the United States in the region and elsewhere;

Whereas leading American corporations such as the CMS Energy Corporation, the Boeing Company, the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, the Gillette Company, and others are responsible for substantial and increasingly higher levels of trade, investment, and commerce between the United States and Morocco, involving increasingly diverse sectors of the Moroccan and American economies;

Whereas the expansion of economic activity is emerging as a new and increasingly important component of the historical friendship between the United States and Morocco, and is helping to strengthen the fabric of the bilateral relationship and to sustain it throughout the 21st century and beyond;

whereas the people of the United States and Morocco have long enjoyed fruitful experiences in fields such as culture, education, politics, science, business, and industry, and Americans of Moroccan origin are making substantial contributions to these and other disciplines in the United States; and

Whereas Morocco and the United States are preparing for the first official visit to the United States by King Mohammed VI to highlight these and other achievements, to celebrate the long history of warm and friendly ties between the two countries, to continue discussions on how to advance and accelerate those objectives common to the United States and Morocco that have worked successfully to enhance economic stability, growth, and development in the region and elsewhere;

Whereas Morocco and the United States are responsible for substantial and important contributions to these and other disciplines in the United States; and

Whereas the Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation relationship in the history of the United States:

Now, therefore, be it

SECTION 1. SENSE OF THE SENATE ON THE VISIT OF KING MOHAMMED VI OF MOROCCO TO THE UNITED STATES.

The Senate hereby—

(1) welcomes His Majesty King Mohammed VI of Morocco upon his first official visit to the United States;

(2) reaffirms the longstanding, warm, and productive ties between the United States and the Kingdom of Morocco, as established by the Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation of 1877;

(3) pledges its commitment to expand ties between the United States and Morocco, to the mutual benefit of both countries; and

(4) expresses its appreciation to the leadership and people of Morocco for their role in preserving international peace and stability, expanding growth and development in the region, promoting bilateral trade and investment between the United States and Morocco, and advancing democracy, human rights, and justice.

Resolved.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2000

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 21. I further ask unanimous consent that when the Senate then begins a period for debate on the resolution of Senator Wellstone to be recognized to speak for up to 5 minutes each.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, a few moments ago the Senator from Alabama, Mr. Sessions, asked if the Senate would adjourn, or whether they could finish the debate on the resolution of Senator Wellstone. I believe the Senator is on the right track. I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate adjourns, a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President and a copy be transmitted to the Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask unanimous consent that when the Senate adjourns, a copy of the resolution of Senator Wellstone be transmitted to the President, to the Secretary of the Senate, to the Speaker of the House, and to the leaders of the political parties in the Senate and the House, and that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the President and a copy to the Secretary of the Senate, and that the Secretary of the Senate be also directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Senate Minority Leader and the House Minority Leader, to the Speaker of the House, to the President pro tempore of the Senate, and to the Secretary of State, to the National Security Council, and to the heads of all executive departments of the United States.

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