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Commemorating the bicentennial of Tunisian-American relations.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BREAU submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was
referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Commemorating the bicentennial of Tunisian-American
relations.

Whereas August 28, 1997, will mark the 200th anniversary
of the first Tunisian-American Treaty and the opening of
diplomatic relations between Tunisia and the United
States;

Whereas Tunisia guaranteed to the young American Republic
freedom of navigation in Tunisia's territorial waters and
freedom of trade with Tunisian citizens;

Whereas Tunisia supported the Allies politically and militarily
during World War II and has become the final resting
place of thousands of American soldiers fallen in battle;

Whereas the United States was the first great power to rec-
ognize Tunisia's independence from France in 1956;

Whereas Tunisia was a steady and reliable ally of the United States during the darkest days of the Cold War, providing naval facilities to the United States Sixth Fleet and supporting the United States at the United Nations and other international bodies;

Whereas Tunisia after independence received more aid from the United States than from any other donor country in the form of governmental loans and technical assistance;

Whereas Tunisia efficiently utilized American assistance and its own resources to drastically improve social conditions, further economic development, and establish an open market economy and a tolerant society based on the principles of democracy, social peace, and justice;

Whereas Tunisia has consistently supported a peaceful resolution to the Arab-Israeli conflict and United States efforts to bring peace to the Middle East; and

Whereas Tunisia and the United States have always shared mutual interests in regional security and have built a close partnership in that regard: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
 2 *concurring)*, That the Congress hereby acknowledges with
 3 gratitude and appreciation the bicentennial of the Tun-
 4 sian-American Treaty of 1797 and expresses to the people
 5 of Tunisia its hopes and wishes for continued friendship
 6 and amity between our two great nations.

7 SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Senate shall transmit
 8 a copy of this concurrent resolution to the President with

- 1 the request that he further transmit a copy to the Govern-
- 2 ment of Tunisia.

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