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1997 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 19

February 3, 1997 - Introduced by Representatives MORRIS-TATUM, TURNER, COGGS, BOCK, RILEY, BALDWIN and L. YOUNG. Referred to Committee on Government Operations.

Relating to: establishing a sister-state relationship with the Cap Vert Region of Senegal.

Whereas, African American residents of Wisconsin are developing trade, commerce and cultural ties with the Senegalese people; and

Whereas, Goree Island, which is located in the Cap Vert Region of Senegal, was the debarkation point for African slaves bound for American shores, which makes it extremely likely that there are African Americans currently residing in Wisconsin who are descendants of people from that region; and

Whereas, a sister-state relationship would benefit both Wisconsin and the Cap Vert Region of Senegal by facilitating an exchange of information and ideas, by promoting travel between the 2 regions and by increasing the number of exchange programs between them; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That: the members of the Wisconsin legislature encourage this state's executive branch to establish a sister-state relationship between Wisconsin and the Cap Vert Region of Senegal.

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