2001 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 47

March 13, 2001 – Introduced by Representatives Morris-Tatum, Young, Bock, Pocan, Ryba, Turner, Black, Wasserman, Kreibich, Freese, Sykora, Berceau and F. Lasee, cosponsored by Senators George, Burke and Schultz. Referred to Committee on Government Operations.

1 **Relating to:** establishing a sister–state relationship with the Cap Vert Region of 2 Senegal. 3 Whereas, African American residents of Wisconsin are developing trade, 4 commerce, and cultural ties with the Senegalese people; and Whereas, Goree Island, which is located in the Cap Vert Region of Senegal, was 5 6 the debarkation point for African slaves bound for American shores, which makes it 7 extremely likely that there are African Americans currently residing in Wisconsin 8 who are descendants of people from that region; and 9 Whereas, a sister-state relationship would benefit both Wisconsin and the Cap 10 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

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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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