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Whereas, almost from December 7, 1892, the day that Samuel Zwemer rented a room in the Old Souk in Manama to begin a medical ministry, the Hakim of Bahrain, Isa bin Ali Al Khalifa, supported the healing work of the Reformed Church in America physicians and nurses who served in Bahrain; and

Whereas, as that early medical ministry evolved into Mason Memorial Hospital and over many decades became the American Mission Hospital that we know today, that support continued and grew; and

Whereas, the Al Khalifa family, and the entire people of Bahrain, embraced the doctors and nurses and chaplains who came one after another to serve in their country, welcoming them into their homes, sharing their lives with them, and often joining them in their healing work; and

Whereas, the generosity and hospitality of the rulers of Bahrain, Their Majesties Isa bin Ali, Hamad bin Isa, Salman bin Hamad, Isa bin Salman, and Hamad bin Isa, have become well known throughout the United States and Canada through the reports of generations of nurses and physicians and chaplains; and

Whereas, to this day, His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa continues to give the most generous possible support to the expansion of the American Mission Hospital into new sites across the entire Kingdom;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Reformed Church in America expresses its most profound gratitude and appreciation to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa and to all his royal forebears and to all the people of Bahrain for their generous support for the healing work of the American Mission Hospital.

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