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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, On July 5, 2015, the United States women's
3 national soccer team, Team USA, won the 2015 FIFA Women's World
4 Cup by defeating the Japanese women's national soccer team by a
5 score of 5-2; and

6 WHEREAS, Team USA was led by midfielder Carli Lloyd, who
7 scored 3 goals for her team and became the first player in the
8 tournament's history to score 3 goals in the championship game;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, With the championship victory, Team USA has now
11 won 3 of the 7 FIFA Women's World Cups played, the most of any
12 country; the first 2 of which occurred in the 1991 and 1999
13 tournaments; and

14 WHEREAS, The 2015 tournament, which was hosted by Canada,
15 saw the largest number of teams ever compete in the tournament
16 with 24 countries represented, up from 16 teams in 2011; and

17 WHEREAS, Team USA went undefeated in the tournament,
18 posting a 3-win, one-draw, and zero-loss record in Group D of
19 the tournament's group stage; and

20 WHEREAS, Team USA defeated Colombia 2-0 in the first round

1 of the knockout stage and then the Chinese national team 1-0 in
2 the quarter-finals; and

3 WHEREAS, In what was considered to be the actual
4 championship game because of the quality of both teams, Team
5 USA defeated a talented German squad 2-0 in the tournament's
6 semi-final match; and

7 WHEREAS, In the championship match, Team USA, led by Carli
8 Lloyd's 3 goal performance, easily defeated the Japanese
9 national squad; and

10 WHEREAS, Head Coach Jill Ellis, Assistant Coach Tony
11 Gustavsson, Goalkeeper Coach Graeme Abel, and Fitness Coach
12 Dawn Scott put together and led an outstanding team; and

13 WHEREAS, Carli Lloyd won the Golden Ball as the
14 tournament's best player and Team USA goalkeeper Hope Solo won
15 the Golden Glove Award as the tournament's best goalkeeper; and

16 WHEREAS, The members of Team USA are Shannon Boxx, Morgan
17 Brian, Lori Chalupny, Whitney Engen, Ashlyn Harris, Tobin
18 Heath, Lauren Holiday, Julie Johnston, Meghan Klingenberg, Ali
19 Krieger, Sydney Leroux, Carli Lloyd, Alex Morgan, Alyssa
20 Naeher, Kelley O'Hara, Heather O'Reilly, Christen Press,
21 Christine Rampone, Megan Rapinoe, Amy Rodriguez, Becky

1 Sauerbrunn, Hope Solo, and Abby Wambach; and

2 WHEREAS, The members Team USA serve as models of hard work,
3 integrity, and dedication for the people of the United States
4 and the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
6 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
7 congratulate the United States women's national soccer team,
8 Team USA, on winning the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup; and be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That we recognize the talent and teamwork that
11 Team USA displayed on the field, the excellence and humility
12 they displayed off the field, the outstanding coaching staff,
13 and the brilliant management team that crafted the 2015 women's
14 national soccer team; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
16 presented to the United States Soccer Federation, to each
17 member of Team USA's coaching and management staff, and to
18 every player on the Team USA 2015 roster.