

By Senator Flores

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Senate Resolution

A resolution honoring the United States women's national soccer team for winning the 2015 Fédération Internationale de Football Association Women's World Cup.

WHEREAS, on July 5, 2015, in front of millions of viewers worldwide, the United States women's national soccer team defeated reigning World Cup champion Japan 5-2 in Vancouver, Canada, to win its third Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) Women's World Cup title and end a 16-year drought, and

WHEREAS, since the creation of the FIFA Women's World Cup in 1991, the United States women's national soccer team is the most successful team in the tournament's history and the first team to win the tournament three times, and

WHEREAS, under the exemplary leadership of head coach Jill Ellis, a Miami-Dade County resident, and her coaching staff, the team created history, scoring four spectacular goals within the first 16 minutes of the match, the earliest a team has ever scored four goals in a single FIFA Women's World Cup match, and surpassed Germany as the top-scoring team in FIFA Women's World Cup history with 112 goals, and

WHEREAS, goalkeeper Ashlyn Harris is a native of Satellite Beach and has an impressive soccer résumé that includes three national championships during her days at the University of North Carolina, and

WHEREAS, United States team captain Carli Lloyd became the first woman to score a hat trick in a World Cup final, netting

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30 the Golden Ball award for best player of the tournament and
31 tying for most goals scored in the tournament, and

32 WHEREAS, the team's defense was stalwart, tying a world
33 record 540 minutes of play without conceding a goal and earning
34 Hope Solo the Golden Glove award for best goalkeeper of the
35 tournament, and

36 WHEREAS, United States women's national soccer team players
37 Carli Lloyd, Hope Solo, Julie Johnston, Ali Krieger, Ashlyn
38 Harris, Meghan Klingenberg, Becky Sauerbrunn, Megan Rapinoe,
39 Lauren Holiday, Tobin Heath, Alex Morgan, Sydney Leroux, Lori
40 Chalupny, Christie Rampone, Morgan Brian, Abby Wambach, Amy
41 Rodriguez, Christen Press, Kelley O'Hara, Alyssa Naeher, Whitney
42 Engen, Heather O'Reilly, and Shannon Boxx united to form the
43 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup championship team, NOW, THEREFORE,

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45 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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47 That the players and coaches of the United States women's
48 national soccer team are congratulated on their fantastic and
49 inspirational achievement of winning the 2015 Fédération
50 Internationale de Football Association Women's World Cup and for
51 becoming the only team to win three Women's World Cup finals.