

By Senator Avila

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing Club Internacional de Fútbol Miami, popularly known as Inter Miami CF, for its outstanding achievements on and off the field, for its passion to bring people together, and for its mission and expanding the vision of "Freedom to Dream."

WHEREAS, Club Internacional de Fútbol Miami, popularly known as Inter Miami CF, is a professional global fútbol club located in South Florida and born out of its fans' "Freedom to Dream," and

WHEREAS, fueled by the passion and drive to bring people together locally, nationally, and internationally, Inter Miami CF was established in 2018 as Major League Soccer's (MLS's) 25th club, and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the club launched its Inter Miami CF Academy, dedicated to providing local youth with the "Freedom to Dream" through an attainable pathway to the highest levels of the sport, and has since seen seven Academy products sign professional first-team Homegrown Player contracts, and

WHEREAS, Inter Miami CF began its inaugural MLS season in 2020, the year that the club opened its world-class Inter Miami CF Stadium, now DRV PNK Stadium, and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Inter Miami CF unveiled its first iconic pink primary jersey, the first all-pink jersey in club history, inspired by and designed for the club's fans, and

WHEREAS, on National Nonprofit Day 2022, Inter Miami CF announced its community-driven nonprofit arm, the Inter Miami CF Foundation, along with its goal to "harness the power of fútbol

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30 to do good" through its support of community initiatives, such
31 as back-to-school drives, cancer research and fundraising, meal
32 and literacy programs, and more, and

33 WHEREAS, in the summer of 2023, Inter Miami CF made
34 groundbreaking signings, securing three of history's most
35 renowned fútbol players, Lionel Messi, Sergio Busquets, and
36 Jordi Alba, inspiring excitement in the community and
37 significantly contributing to the growth of the sport locally
38 and nationally, and

39 WHEREAS, on August 19, 2023, Inter Miami CF reached a major
40 milestone by defeating Nashville SC in a dramatic penalty
41 shootout to win the 2023 Leagues Cup title, the club's first
42 major trophy, with forward and team captain Lionel Messi earning
43 the Leagues Cup Best Player and Top Scorer awards, and
44 goalkeeper Drake Callender earning Man of the Match honors and
45 the Leagues Cup Best Goalkeeper award, and

46 WHEREAS, on August 28, 2023, Inter Miami CF announced that
47 construction had begun on Miami Freedom Park, a state-of-the-art
48 25,000-seat fútbol-specific stadium in the City of Miami which
49 will be the club's new home and a significant addition to local
50 sports infrastructure, providing economic and entertainment
51 benefits to the South Florida community, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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55 That Club Internacional de Fútbol Miami is recognized for
56 its outstanding achievements on and off the field, for its
57 passion to bring people together, and for its mission and
58 expanding the vision of "Freedom to Dream."