

106TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 248

Commending and congratulating the United States Women's National Soccer Team for winning the 1999 Women's World Cup soccer tournament.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 14, 1999

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD (for herself, Mrs. CAPPS, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, and Mrs. KELLY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Commending and congratulating the United States Women's National Soccer Team for winning the 1999 Women's World Cup soccer tournament.

Whereas the third annual Women's World Cup of soccer was hosted by the United States;

Whereas the 1999 Women's World Cup was the largest women's soccer world championship in history;

Whereas 16 nations participated in the 1999 Women's World Cup, signaling a growth for women's soccer throughout the world;

Whereas 31 matches were played before more than 650,000 fans in seven cities across the United States, with four matches drawing crowds of more than 65,000;

Whereas the United States Women's National Soccer Team has a record of accomplishment, having won the first-ever 1991 Women's World Cup and the 1996 Olympics, and placing third in the 1996 Women's World Cup;

Whereas the United States Women's National Soccer Team is noted for its over-arching commitment to teamwork, and is known in international competition for its devotion to sportsmanship and fair play;

Whereas the 1999 Women's World Cup of soccer symbolizes an emerging role for young American women in sports and society;

Whereas the 1999 Women's World Cup of soccer speaks to parents about the importance of athletic participation for building the character and confidence of their daughters;

Whereas the United States has produced the best women's soccer team in the world, without a full-time professional women's league, relying instead on college soccer programs to provide a competitive environment for players;

Whereas title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 has played a valuable role in strengthening women's college sports programs, creating opportunities for women to participate and compete at an advanced level in soccer and many other sports;

Whereas over 90,000 fans attended the championship final between the United States and China, which is a record for a women-only sporting event; and

Whereas the United States women's soccer team defeated China on July 10, 1999, with a 5 to 4 penalty kick victory: Now, therefore, be it

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3 tional Soccer Team for winning the 1999 Women's World
4 Cup soccer tournament.

