

H. Res. 445

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

June 26, 2002.

Whereas the performance of the United States National Soccer Team in the 2002 FIFA World Cup is the most successful in the history of our participation in the tournament;

Whereas the United States National Team surprised the world by advancing out of the first round of play and reaching the quarterfinals;

Whereas by reaching the quarterfinals the United States signaled that it has become a leading competitor in international soccer;

Whereas the 3 goals scored in the first game victory were the most ever scored in 1 game by a United States men's team in the World Cup;

Whereas the United States National Team advanced out of group play into the second round of the World Cup for just the third time;

Whereas the 2 to 0 win in the second round was the first time the United States National Team has won a game in a "knock-out" round of the World Cup;

Whereas this win marks the first time since 1930 that a United States team has advanced to the quarterfinals of the World Cup;

Whereas the Team's achievement reflects the explosive growth in popularity of soccer in the United States;

Whereas the United States National Team's performance symbolizes the emerging role of soccer for young Americans in sports and society; and

Whereas the United States National Team's performance speaks to parents about the importance of athletic participation for building character and confidence in their children: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates the United States National Soccer Team for its historic performance in the 2002 World Cup;

(2) recognizes Bruce Arena, the head coach of the United States Team, and every player on the Team for their dedication to excellence; and

(3) commends the United States Soccer Federation, the United States Soccer Foundation, and coaches and parents of young soccer players around the country for their role in the success of soccer in the United States.

Attest:

Clerk.