

111TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 369

Congratulating the Columbus Crew on winning the 2008 Major League Soccer Cup.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TIBERI (for himself and Ms. KILROY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Columbus Crew on winning the 2008
Major League Soccer Cup.

Whereas the Columbus Crew soccer team of Columbus, Ohio, won the Major League Soccer (referred to in this resolution as “MLS”) Cup on November 23, 2008, defeating the New York Red Bulls 3 to1;

Whereas this is their first ever MLS Cup and the first time since 1990 that a major-league sports team from Ohio won a championship;

Whereas the Columbus Crew’s 17–7–6 regular-season record earned it the 2008 Supporters’ Shield, which is awarded annually to the team with the league’s best record;

Whereas Gillermo Barros Schelotto was named the MLS Most Valuable Player for his record setting performance;

Whereas Schelotto is only the third player in league history to win both league and MLS Cup MVP honors;

Whereas Chad Marshall received the MLS Defender of Year award;

Whereas all of Central Ohio is proud of the accomplishments of the Columbus Crew team, the entire Crew organization, and the dedicated and faithful Crew fans throughout the 2008 MLS season;

Whereas the Columbus Crew organization is not only committed to their work on the field but in conjunction with its charitable arm, the Crew Soccer Foundation, is committed to making a difference in our community;

Whereas since 2003, the organization has hosted “Soccer Aid”, an annual month-long fundraiser, benefitting the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, raising more than \$30,000 for this organization;

Whereas the organization is a longtime partner with the ColumbusReads program, working with and tutoring students in the Columbus, Ohio, city schools since 1999; and

Whereas the Columbus Crew organization is dedicated to developing youth involvement in the game of soccer, creating an unparalleled environment for young players by providing a truly unique experience and an aspirational model that includes access to the finest coaches, competition, and facilities in the country: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the achievement of the Columbus
3 Crew’s players, coaches, staff, and supporters in
4 bringing the 2008 Major League Soccer Cup to
5 Ohio;

- 1 (2) commends the Central Ohio community for
- 2 its enthusiastic support of the Columbus Crew; and
- 3 (3) congratulates the Columbus Crew team for
- 4 winning the 2008 MLS Cup.

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