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H. RES. 703

Congratulating the Miami Heat on their 2012 National Basketball Association
Championship.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 26, 2012

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN (for herself, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. RIVERA, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. WEST, and Mr. DEUTCH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Miami Heat on their 2012 National
Basketball Association Championship.

Whereas American Airlines Arena, located in the City of
Miami, Florida, is home court for the Miami Heat;

Whereas, on July 7, 2010, Dwyane Wade decided to re-sign
with the Miami Heat;

Whereas, on July 7, 2010, Chris Bosh decided to sign with
the Miami Heat and left the Toronto Raptors;

Whereas, on July 8, 2010, LeBron James decided to take his
talent to South Beach and sign with the Miami Heat;

Whereas, on July 9, 2010, Dwyane Wade, LeBron James,
and Chris Bosh were anointed the Three Kings at a cere-
mony in American Airlines Arena in Miami;

Whereas, on June 21, 2012, the Miami Heat defeated the Oklahoma City Thunder, the Western Conference Champions, in Game 5 of the National Basketball Association (NBA) Finals by a score of 121–106 to win the 2012 NBA Championship;

Whereas the Miami Heat is the first team in the history of the NBA to win the Finals after trailing in 3 different playoff series, at one point trailing the Indiana Pacers 2 games to 1, the Boston Celtics 3 games to 2, and the Oklahoma City Thunder 1 game to 0;

Whereas the Miami Heat defeated the New York Knicks, Indiana Pacers, and the Boston Celtics in the Eastern Conference Finals to reach the 2012 NBA Finals;

Whereas LeBron James of the Miami Heat—

(1) was named the 2012 NBA Finals Most Valuable Player;

(2) was named the NBA’s 2012 Most Valuable Player for the third time;

(3) is the first Miami Heat player to be awarded the NBA’s Most Valuable Player for a basketball season; and

(4) is the 10th player in NBA history to achieve recognition as both the regular season and Finals Most Valuable Player during the same season;

Whereas the “White Hot” Miami Heat fans sold out the American Airlines Arena and cheered on their hometown team;

Whereas this 2012 NBA Championship title is the second such title for the Miami Heat, which has long been one of the most outstanding basketball programs in the United States;

Whereas the Miami Heat franchise was formed in 1988;

Whereas in the Miami Heat franchise's brief 24-year history, the team, in addition to this 2nd NBA Championship, has—

- (1) reached the playoffs 16 times;
- (2) won 9 division titles; and
- (3) won 3 conferences titles;

Whereas Dwayne Wade and Udonis Haslem have won their 2nd NBA Championship with the Miami Heat;

Whereas head coach Erik Spoelstra tied Pat Riley for the Heat franchise record with his 34th postseason win;

Whereas the Miami Heat coaching staff was comprised of—

- (1) Erik Spoelstra, head coach;
- (2) Bob McAdoo, assistant coach;
- (3) Keith Askins, assistant coach;
- (4) Ron Rothstein, assistant coach;
- (5) David Fizdale, assistant coach;
- (6) Chad Kammerer, assistant coach;
- (7) Scout Octavio De La Grana, assistant coach and advance scout;
- (8) Bill Foran, strength and condition coach;
- (9) Jay Sabol, athletic trainer;
- (10) Rey Jaffet, assistant trainer; and
- (11) Rob Pimental, assistant trainer;

Whereas the Miami Heat coaching staff exhibited exemplary leadership and guidance of the team during the 2011–2012 season;

Whereas the Miami Heat management is comprised of—

- (1) Mickey Arison, owner and managing partner;
- (2) Pat Riley, president;
- (3) Eric Woolworth, president of business operations; and

(4) Andy Elisburg, senior vice president and assistant general manager;

Whereas the Miami Heat management has shown a positive commitment to the Miami Heat franchise by successfully acquiring, assembling, and maintaining a team of high-quality, winning players;

Whereas the Miami Heat broadcasters include—

- (1) Eric Reid;
- (2) Tony Florentino;
- (3) Jason Jackson;
- (4) John Crotty;
- (5) Jose Pañeda;
- (6) Mike Inglis; and
- (7) Joe Pujala;

Whereas the Miami Heat broadcasters helped transmit all of the Miami Heat games through radio and television;

Whereas, in Game 5 of the NBA Finals—

- (1) Dwayne Wade scored 20 points and acquired 8 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals, and 3 blocks;
- (2) LeBron James had a triple-double with 26 points, 11 rebounds, and 13 assists to lead the Miami Heat to victory;
- (3) Chris Bosh scored 24 points and acquired 7 rebounds and 2 blocks; and
- (4) Mike Miller made 7 of 8 3-point range shots and scored 23 points;

Whereas the Miami Heat tied an NBA Finals record with 14 3-pointers in Game 5;

Whereas the Miami Heat have not only been players on the court, but they have also been instrumental role models to the South Florida community;

Whereas the Miami Heat organization has a positive civic impact on the south Florida community through—

- (1) Miami HEAT Family Outreach Charitable Fund;
- (2) Heat Academy;
- (3) Heat Scholarships;
- (4) Miami Heat Read to Achieve;
- (5) Miami Heat Fund-Raiser;
- (6) Miami Heat Wheels;
- (7) Shoot for the Stars Books and Basketball Summer Clinics;
- (8) Heat Youth Basketball; and
- (9) the Miami Heat Learn to Swim Program; and

Whereas the Miami Heat fans are a part of this championship by supporting the team and giving the team the energy, strength, love, and passion to compete each and every season: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) congratulates—

3 (A) the Miami Heat for winning the 2012
 4 National Basketball Association World Cham-
 5 pionship and for the players' outstanding per-
 6 formance during the 2011–2012 NBA season;
 7 and

8 (B) Miami Heat LeBron James for win-
 9 ning the 2012 NBA Finals Most Valuable Play-
 10 er Award;

11 (2) recognizes and praises the achievements of
 12 the Miami Heat players, coaches, management, and

1 support staff whose hard work, dedication, and resil-
2 ience proved instrumental throughout the Miami
3 Heat's championship season;

4 (3) commends the south Florida community
5 and the Miami Heat fans for their dedication; and

6 (4) directs the Clerk of the House of Represent-
7 atives to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution
8 to—

9 (A) each of the Miami Heat players;

10 (B) Pat Riley, Miami Heat president;

11 (C) Micky Arison, Miami Heat owner and
12 managing general partner;

13 (D) Eric Woolworth, Miami Heat president
14 of business operations;

15 (E) Andy Elisburg, Miami Heat senior vice
16 president of basketball operations;

17 (F) each of the Miami Heat coaches and
18 trainers;

19 (G) the Honorable Tomas Regalado,
20 Mayor of the City of Miami, Florida;

21 (H) the Honorable Carlos Gimenez, Mayor
22 of Miami-Dade County, Florida;

23 (I) the Honorable Joe Martinez, Chairman
24 of the Miami-Dade County Board of Commis-
25 sioners;

- 1 (J) all of the Commissioners of the City of
2 Miami and Miami-Dade County; and
3 (K) the Honorable Rock Scott, Governor of
4 the State of Florida.

