

Whereas Real Salt Lake defeated the top 2 seeds in the Eastern Conference, the first-seeded Columbus Crew and the second-seeded Chicago Fire, to reach the championship game: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) commends the Real Salt Lake soccer club for winning the 2009 Major League Soccer Cup; and

(2) congratulates Real Salt Lake for winning the first Major League Soccer Cup in the franchise's history.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) and the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. BIGGERT) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and add any extraneous materials.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, at this time I would like to recognize the principal lead sponsor of this resolution, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. MATHESON), for 5 minutes.

Mr. MATHESON. I thank the gentleman from Massachusetts for yielding.

You know, often when we have a sporting event about to come up, a lot of people predict what's going to happen. But what's great about sports is you never really know what's going to happen. And while we often do a resolution to congratulate teams who have won a major championship, this is kind of special because the Real Salt Lake team went into the playoffs as the last team in. Eight teams made the playoffs for Major League Soccer this year. Real Salt Lake had the worst record, but it's a team that throughout the course of this year has evolved, and in fact there was a stretch of 17 days between two games toward the end of the regular season where the team kind of rededicated itself and went through sort of a mini-training camp again, and when it came out of that camp, it seemed to be a different team.

It got into the playoffs, and of course it was an underdog in its first round, and it won. It was an underdog in the semi-finals, and it won there, too. And then the championship against the L.A. Galaxy. In a shoot-out, the team was able to succeed.

And there's an interesting sign in the locker room of the Real Salt Lake team. The sign says, "The team is the star." And in an era where we often celebrate great individual performances—and there are a number of individuals that certainly deserve mention—still the concept of a team coming together in a team sport seems to be a pattern and a formula for success. And in terms of the Real Salt Lake

soccer team, that is exactly what happened.

So I was thrilled to have the opportunity to offer this resolution. It was interesting going around to my colleagues to collect cosponsorships. This was something that was very accepted on both sides of the aisle. And again, I just think it's great that we have a chance as a Congress to at least congratulate this team on its great accomplishment in winning the Major League Soccer Cup in 2009.

Mrs. BIGGERT. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise today in support of House Resolution 942 commending the Real Salt Lake Soccer Club for winning the 2009 Major League Soccer Cup.

Last month on November 22 in front of over 46,000 fans at Qwest Field—you'd think that we were in the UK with the popularity of soccer out there. But the Real Salt Lake Soccer Club won the 2009 Major League Soccer Cup, defeating the Los Angeles Galaxy, and the final victory of a remarkable five-game winning streak did not come easily. The Real Salt Lake Soccer Club outlasted a formidable opponent through two sudden-death overtimes and a penalty kick shoot-out en route to a brilliant 5-4 victory. Congratulations.

This victory marked the culmination of a remarkable session for a team that I guess barely made the playoffs and only 5 years ago was a lowly expansion team. In fact, this victory is the first major pro sports championship in Utah for almost 40 years.

Congratulations to the Real Salt Lake Soccer Club, their coach, Jason Kreis—the youngest coach to win a Major League Soccer Cup—and to Utah and their very many, many dedicated fans.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I just want to amplify what has been said by both the speakers. I think there's a certain magic about this championship, that it was totally unexpected, and I, too, want to congratulate Coach Jason Kreis, who became the youngest coach to win a Major League Soccer Cup, and goalkeeper Nick Rimando, the Most Valuable Player. The Real Salt Lake won their first Major League Soccer Cup in only their second appearance in the Major League Soccer playoffs. As a Red Sox fan who suffered forever, I envy the early success.

I do want to note that after compiling a regular season record of 11 wins, 12 losses, and 7 ties, Real Salt Lake narrowly earned the final spot on the 2009 Major League Soccer Playoffs. This is a Cinderella team if there ever was one.

Despite being the underdog, Real Salt Lake orchestrated a series of improbable victories against the defending champion Columbus Crew and the Chicago Fire before—as has been mentioned here—beating the favored Los Angeles Galaxy in the Major League Soccer Cup.

In the championship game, the Los Angeles Galaxy struck first with a goal by Mike Magee in the 41st minute of play, and many thought that might be it, but Real Salt Lake continued to play hard and managed to tie the game in the 61st minute of the game with a goal by Robbie Findley. The game ended in a tie and eventually went to penalty kicks, which Real Salt Lake won by a score of 5-4.

Real Salt Lake's victory in the MLS Cup stands as a testament to what can be achieved through hard work, dedication, and relentless team spirit. As USA Today wrote after the game, "Major League Soccer has its most improbable champion in its 14-year history."

Real Salt Lake's commitment to teamwork and perseverance in the face of adversity is both inspiring and commendable. Their achievement deserves our praise, and personally I want to applaud the team's players, coaches, management, and its fans who never gave up—all of those who helped in this unprecedented success in the Major League Soccer Cup.

Madam Speaker, let us, as a body, take this opportunity to commend this year's Major League Soccer Cup Champions through passage of House Resolution 942, join with Mr. MATHESON of Utah and congratulate Real Salt Lake on winning the 2009 Major League Soccer Cup.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. BIGGERT. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 942.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

#### HONORING THE AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 160) honoring the American Kennel Club on its 125th anniversary, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

#### H. CON. RES. 160

Whereas the American Kennel Club (AKC), headquartered in New York City, with an operations center in Raleigh, North Carolina, was founded in 1884, operates the world's largest registry of purebred dogs and is the Nation's leading not-for-profit organization

devoted to the advancement, study, responsible breeding, care, and ownership of dogs;

Whereas the American Kennel Club approves, sanctions, and regulates the events of its 609 member clubs and monitors more than 4000 licensed and sanctioned clubs throughout the United States who hold events under American Kennel Club rules and regulations;

Whereas in 2008, the American Kennel Club sanctioned or regulated 22,630 sporting events that included breed conformation, agility, obedience, earthdog, herding, field trial, retrieving, pointing, tracking, and coonhound events;

Whereas the American Kennel Club honors the canine-human bond, advocates for the purebred dog as a family companion, advances canine health and well-being, works to protect the rights of all dog owners and promotes responsible dog ownership;

Whereas the American Kennel Club promotes responsible dog ownership and breeding practices and supports thousands of volunteers and teachers from affiliated clubs across the country who teach responsible dog ownership and safety around dogs;

Whereas the American Kennel Club founded and supports the AKC Humane Fund, which promotes the joy and value of responsible pet ownership by supporting breed rescue activities, educating adults and children about responsible dog ownership, and assisting human-services organizations that permit domestic abuse victims access to shelters with their pets;

Whereas the American Kennel Club trains and employs kennel inspectors and conducts over 5,200 kennel inspections each year;

Whereas the American Kennel Club promotes responsible dog ownership, care, and handling of dogs to over 21,000 youths ages 9 to 18 years old enrolled in its National Junior Organization;

Whereas the American Kennel Club is the largest purebred dog registry in the world and the only registry that incorporates health screening results into its permanent dog records;

Whereas the American Kennel Club offers the largest and most comprehensive set of DNA programs for the purposes of parentage verification and genetic identity to ensure reliable registration records;

Whereas the American Kennel Club created and supports the Canine Health Foundation (CHF), which funds research projects focusing on the genetics of disease, the canine genome map, and clinical studies, and has donated over \$22,000,000 to the CHF since 1995;

Whereas the American Kennel Club created and operates DOGNY: America's Tribute to Search and Rescue Dogs, which supports canine search and rescue organizations across the United States;

Whereas the American Kennel Club annually awards \$170,000 in scholarships to veterinary and veterinary technical students;

Whereas the American Kennel Club has reunited more than 340,000 lost pets and their owners through the AKC Companion Animal Recovery (CAR) program;

Whereas the American Kennel Club established the AKC Canine Good Citizen program, which certifies dogs with good manners at home and in the community;

Whereas the American Kennel Club maintains the world's largest dog library and the Museum of the Dog in St. Louis, which houses one of the world's largest collections of dog-related fine art and artifacts, both of which are open to the public; and

Whereas the American Kennel Club celebrates its 125th anniversary this year: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That Congress honors the American Kennel Club for its service to dog owners and the United States public.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) and the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. BIGGERT) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and add any extraneous materials.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, at this time, I would like to recognize the lead sponsor of this resolution, Representative DAVID PRICE, my friend from North Carolina, for 5 minutes.

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. I thank the gentleman, Madam Speaker, and I rise today in support of House Concurrent Resolution 160, honoring the contributions of the American Kennel Club on its 125th anniversary.

Over the course of these 125 years, the AKC has established itself as our Nation's leading not-for-profit organization dedicated to the advancement, study, responsible breeding, care, and ownership of dogs. Today, dog owners throughout the United States can be proud of the work the club does to promote the responsible care that dogs deserve.

With offices employing 300 constituents in my district in Raleigh, North Carolina, and additional staff in New York City, the AKC has also become a major source of good-paying jobs.

Each year, the American Kennel Club sanctions and regulates over 20,000 sporting events. It is also a leader in training inspectors and inspecting dog kennels, conducting more than 5,200 kennel inspections each year.

Through its national junior organization, the AKC has enrolled over 21,000 children aged 9 to 18 to promote responsible dog ownership, care, and handling.

In addition to serving as the world's largest purebred dog registry, the AKC has also started a mixed breed program to allow all dogs to participate in a variety of AKC's sanctioned events. Various AKC programs support the advancement of canine health and well-being, and educate the public on responsible dog ownership.

□ 1715

Madam Speaker, I want to thank Mr. LYNCH, Mrs. BIGGERT, Chairman TOWNS, and Ranking Member ISSA for moving this resolution forward, and my colleague from North Carolina (Mr. COBLE) and 51 other cosponsors for their help as well.

I urge my colleagues to join in support.

Mrs. BIGGERT. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise today in support of H. Con. Res. 160, honoring the American Kennel Club for its service to dog owners throughout the United States.

Founded in 1884, the Kennel Club operates the largest registry for purebred dogs in the U.S. and is the country's leading nonprofit organization dedicated to the study of dogs and their care. This organization has 609 member clubs and monitors 4,000 licensed and sanctioned clubs holding events under the American Kennel Club rules and regulations.

I have to say, I did show one dog that I had for a period of time, a basset hound, in Chicago, in the American Kennel Club at one of the shows, and it's quite an experience for anybody to do that. It's well run and well regulated.

The American Kennel Club has taken the lead in promoting responsible dog ownership and breeding practices as well as supporting thousands of volunteers across the country who teach safety to dog owners. In order to maintain the high standards for which the American Kennel Club is known, they conduct over 5,200 kennel inspections each year. And, as Mr. PRICE mentioned, youth ages 9 to 18 are enrolled in the National Junior Organization, which really helps to communicate the proper handling of dogs and allows them the opportunity to participate in shows at an early age.

It has also created a Canine Health Foundation, which funds research projects focused on the genetics of dog diseases and clinical studies. The club annually awards over \$170,000 in scholarships to veterinary students and veterinary technical students and has reunited thousands of dogs with their owners through its Companion Animal Recovery program.

The American Kennel Club has been a part of communities of the United States since 1884 and continues to be a model for teaching responsible breeding, care, and ownership of dogs. So we congratulate the American Kennel Club on its 125th anniversary.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I simply want to stand and join with Mr. PRICE of North Carolina in honoring the American Kennel Club for its service on behalf of the study, the responsible breeding and ownership of dogs.

I do want to add that in addition to Mr. PRICE, who is the lead sponsor, this resolution has enjoyed the support of over 50 Members of Congress. As others have noted here, there's been a long and illustrious history of the AKC in the United States, and they sanction and regulate the events of its 609 member clubs as well as monitor over 400 licensed and sanctioned clubs located throughout the United States that hold events pursuant to AKC rules and regulations. And as has been noted, the American Kennel Club sanctioned or regulated nearly 23,000 individual events across the country last year.

Moreover, in promoting canine health and well-being, the American

Kennel Club has implemented a variety of kennel inspector training initiatives, with AKC-employed kennel inspectors conducting over 5,200 inspections each year. This is all great work that needs to be done and is proudly done by the AKC, an organization that funds research projects focused on the genetics of canine disease and to which the AKC has donated over \$22 million since 1995.

So, in closing, I would simply ask Members on both sides of the aisle to support Mr. PRICE and his resolution.

Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Con. Res. 160, honoring the American Kennel Club on its 125th anniversary.

As someone who is proud to have three loveable four-legged members of my own family, Chavo, Baloo, and Pippin, I was eager to be an original cosponsor of this resolution. The American Kennel Club provides invaluable services to dog owners and breeders across the country. For the past one hundred and twenty-five years, this organization has been counted upon to promote best practices for training, regulation, inspection, and registration.

Most Americans know the club for its annual dog shows, but it does much more. The American Kennel Club awards nearly \$170,000 in scholarship money per year to veterinary students and has donated nearly \$22 million to the Canine Health Foundation. Younger owners also learn proper skills for treatment and care of their dogs through the National Junior Organization.

Every dog owner knows the bond that can develop between a family and its four-legged member. The American Kennel Club has worked to cultivate and encourage this relationship. The individuals of the AKC have selflessly worked to achieve high standards in each club function and for this they are to be commended.

I want to thank the bill sponsor, Representative PRICE and my fellow co-sponsors for their strong support of the American Kennel Club.

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of our time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 160, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 19 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. HALVORSON) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H. Res. 779, by the yeas and nays;

H. Res. 942, by the yeas and nays;

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. The second electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

#### RECOGNIZING IMPORTANCE OF YOUTH RUNAWAY PREVENTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 779, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 779, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 341, nays 0, not voting 93, as follows:

[Roll No. 969]

YEAS—341

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Baldwin  
Barrow  
Bartlett  
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Berkley  
Berry  
Biggert  
Bilbray  
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Bishop (GA)  
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Blumenauer  
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Brown-Waite,  
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Forbes  
Fortenberry  
Foster  
Foxo  
Franks (AZ)  
Frelinghuysen  
Fudge  
Gallegly  
Garamendi  
Garrett (NJ)

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Gordon (TN)  
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Green, Al  
Green, Gene  
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Hall (NY)  
Hall (TX)  
Halvorson  
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Hill  
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Hirono  
Holden  
Holt  
Honda  
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Hunter  
Inglis  
Insee  
Israel  
Issa  
Jackson (IL)  
Jackson-Lee  
(TX)  
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Johnson (GA)  
Johnson, E. B.  
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Lungren, Daniel  
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Lynch  
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Markey (CO)  
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McCarthy (CA)  
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McMahon  
McMorris  
Rodgers  
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Meek (FL)  
Melancon  
Miller (FL)  
Miller (MI)  
Miller (NC)  
Miller, Gary  
Minnick  
Mitchell  
Mollohan  
Moore (KS)  
Moore (WI)  
Murphy (CT)  
Murphy (NY)  
Murphy, Tim  
Nadler (NY)  
Napolitano  
Nunes  
Nye  
Oberstar  
Obey  
Olson  
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Ortiz  
Owens  
Pallone  
Pastor (AZ)  
Payne  
Pence  
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Pingree (ME)  
Pitts  
Platts  
Poe (TX)  
Polis (CO)  
Pomeroy  
Posey  
Price (GA)  
Price (NC)  
Putnam  
Quigley  
Rahall  
Rangel  
Rehberg  
Reichert  
Reyes  
Rodriguez  
Roe (TN)  
Rogers (AL)  
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Rooney  
Ros-Lehtinen  
Roskam  
Ross  
Rothman (NJ)  
Roybal-Allard  
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Ryan (OH)  
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Watt  
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Wilson (OH)  
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#### NOT VOTING—93

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Barrett (SC)  
Barton (TX)  
Berman  
Bishop (UT)  
Blunt  
Bonner  
Bono Mack  
Boucher  
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Braley (IA)  
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Clyburn  
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Crowley  
Davis (AL)  
Davis (IL)  
Deal (GA)  
DeLauro  
Edwards (TX)  
Eshoo  
Frank (MA)  
Gerlach  
Gohmert  
Goodlatte  
Graves  
Grayson  
Grijalva  
Guthrie  
Gutierrez  
Higgins  
Hinches  
Hinojosa  
Hodes

Hoekstra  
Johnson (IL)  
Jordan (OH)  
Kirkpatrick (AZ)  
Klein (FL)  
Langevin  
Larson (CT)  
Lewis (GA)  
Loeb sack  
Mack  
Maffei  
Maloney  
Marchant  
McCarthy (NY)  
Meeks (NY)  
Mica  
Michaud  
Miller, George  
Moran (KS)  
Moran (VA)