

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For the second consecutive year, the USA girls'
2 soccer team has captured the championship title and trophy in the
3 finals of the six-country 2005 Copa Coca-Cola International
4 tournament at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex in Florida; and

5 WHEREAS, Coca-Cola created Copa Coca-Cola in Mexico in 1998,
6 establishing tournament play among teenage soccer teams from Mexico
7 and South America; in 2001, the tournament expanded to the United
8 States, and since its inception, more than 10,000 teams and 600,000
9 teens from the Americas, Europe, Africa, and Asia have
10 participated; and

11 WHEREAS, One of the most far-reaching youth soccer programs
12 in the world, the Copa Coca-Cola provides a platform for boys and
13 girls ranging in ages from 13 to 15 to compete in a world-class
14 sports event; this year alone, Copa Coca-Cola tournaments were held
15 in 18 countries, providing free access to the sport for more than
16 200,000 young people; and

17 WHEREAS, After beating out teams from nine other U.S. cities
18 in the national competition for the privilege of representing the
19 United States, the USA girls' team gave a brilliant showing
20 throughout the prestigious four-day international youth soccer
21 tournament; these remarkable young athletes faced off with Mexico
22 in three rounds in a tournament series, losing the first game 1-2,
23 clinching a tie in the second round, and winning 6-0 in the final
24 match to send the series into penalty kicks, which the USA girls'

1 team won 3-0; and

2 WHEREAS, Demonstrating the talent, athleticism, and
3 commitment to excellence of true champions, these phenomenal young
4 ladies are a source of tremendous pride to their families and their
5 supporters in the Houston community, and the memory of this
6 achievement will undoubtedly remain with the players and their fans
7 for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
9 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate the USA girls'
10 soccer team from Houston on winning the Copa Coca-Cola
11 International tournament and extend to the players and coaches best
12 wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for the team as an expression of high regard by the Texas
15 House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 134

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 134 was adopted by the House on August 8, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House