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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 game into penalty kicks, which the USA girls' team

1 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.