


(Original Signature of Member)

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. CON. RES. _____

Recognizing and supporting the efforts of the New Heights Bid Committee to bring the 2027 Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) Women's World Cup competition to the United States and Mexico.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LAHOOD submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing and supporting the efforts of the New Heights Bid Committee to bring the 2027 Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) Women's World Cup competition to the United States and Mexico.

Whereas women's soccer is one of the fastest growing and most popular sports in the world, and the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (referred to in this resolution as "FIFA") Women's World Cup competition is the single most important women's event in that sport;

Whereas the United States has successfully hosted the FIFA Women's World Cup twice, with the 1999 FIFA Wom-

en's World Cup Final attendance record of 90,185 remaining unbroken today;

Whereas the 1999 FIFA Women's World Cup competition served as a catalyst for the increased popularity and development of the game throughout the United States, as well as the introduction of the first women's professional soccer league, the Women's United Soccer Association;

Whereas the United States Soccer Federation and its counterpart in Mexico have established a New Heights Bid Committee to prepare and submit a joint bid to host the 2027 FIFA Women's World Cup competition in North America;

Whereas the United States and Mexico share core beliefs in justice, freedom, equality, and opportunity and have a long history of partnership, innovation, and growth together on our shared continent;

Whereas the 2027 FIFA Women's World Cup will be the tenth edition of the FIFA Women's World Cup and will include teams from 32 nations and presents an opportunity for the United States and Mexico as host countries to demonstrate the highest achievable standards and serve as a benchmark for future organizers;

Whereas North America is home to one of the most competitive and advanced professional sports landscapes in the world that is continually updating to take advantage of the latest innovations and modernizations;

Whereas numerous cities of the United States have been named by the New Heights Bid Committee as candidates to serve as hosts to FIFA Women's World Cup matches in 2027, with each of these cities embodying the diversity and enthusiasm shared by the entire Nation and guaran-

teeing each participating team and its followers a “home team” atmosphere;

Whereas the United States and its neighbor offer FIFA a valuable and receptive market to further develop the sport of soccer, which in turn will have significant impact on and off the field in both the United States and throughout the world;

Whereas the United States possesses all necessary state-of-the-art infrastructure in its stadiums and potential host cities to ensure that the competition sets a new standard of quality, comfort, security, and safety for players, officials, spectators, media, and sponsors alike;

Whereas hosting the 2027 FIFA Women’s World Cup in the United States and Mexico promises to set attendance and financial records, allowing revenues and tourism generated by the competition to be used for the further development of soccer and economic growth throughout the United States;

Whereas hosting the 2027 FIFA Women’s World Cup competition in the United States and Mexico would serve as a tremendous impetus for national and international goodwill, as the competition would bring people from many nations, along with a diverse public, together under one banner of peace, friendship, and spirited and fair competition;

Whereas the historical tradition of inclusivity in the United States is shared by Mexico, and the countries are eager to welcome the players, spectators, and visitors who may travel to North America for the 2027 FIFA Women’s World Cup competition;

Whereas the United States Soccer Federation is working with the Mexico Football Association to submit a 2027 Women's World Cup bid that would raise the expectations for investment of FIFA, commercial partners, and others in order to craft the largest women's sporting event in the history of the world, demonstrating gender equality with both countries hosting back-to-back Men's and Women's World Cups; and

Whereas pursuant to FIFA bidding procedures, the President and certain Federal agencies have been asked to issue guarantees that, upon authorization or appropriation by Congress, would establish the conditions required to help make the 2027 FIFA Women's World Cup competition the most successful in history: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3 (1) recognizes and supports the efforts of the
4 New Heights Bid Committee to bring the 2027
5 FIFA Women's World Cup competition to the
6 United States and Mexico;

7 (2) encourages the President and appropriate
8 Federal agencies to support the New Heights Bid
9 Committee in its efforts to meet all requirements for
10 the United States to jointly host with Mexico the
11 2027 FIFA Women's World Cup competition; and

12 (3) stands prepared to give full consideration to
13 legislative proposals or other requests by the Presi-
14 dent to provide support related to the 2027 FIFA

- 1 Women's World Cup competition if the United
- 2 States and Mexico are selected to host this event.