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111TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. _____

Congratulating the Colorado Rapids soccer club for winning the 2010 Major League Soccer Championship.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. PERLMUTTER introduced the following bill for himself with (Mr. COFFMAN, Ms. DeGETTE, Mr. LAMBORN, Ms. MARKEY of Colorado, Mr. POLIS, and Mr. SALAZAR); which was referred to the Committee on

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Colorado Rapids soccer club for winning the 2010 Major League Soccer Championship.

Whereas the Colorado Rapids soccer club won the 2010 Major League Soccer Cup, defeating FC Dallas at BMO Field in Toronto on November 21, 2010;

Whereas this victory marks the first Major League Soccer Cup Championship for the Colorado Rapids since the club was founded as one of the ten founding clubs of Major League Soccer in 1995;

Whereas the Rapids surmounted an early lead by Dallas to win a 2-1 victory in overtime;

Whereas goalkeeper Matt Pickens made five saves, two during overtime, to maintain the lead;

Whereas forward Conor Casey, graduate of Denver South High School, scored the tying goal for Colorado in the 57th minute;

Whereas forward Macoumba Kandji's scored during the second overtime for the winning goal;

Whereas the Colorado Rapids played the final 13 minutes of overtime one player short due to an injured player leaving the field;

Whereas the Colorado Rapids entered the playoffs as the 7th seed and rose to the challenge to beat 2008 Champions Columbus Crew and the San Jose Earthquakes to enter the final;

Whereas forward Conor Casey's exemplary performance earned him the distinction of Cup final MVP;

Whereas Colorado Rapids Captain Pablo Mastroeni earns his first Cup win as a 13 year MLS veteran;

Whereas Dick's Sporting Goods Park, the worlds largest professional stadium and fields complex, in Commerce City, Colorado, is home of the champion Colorado Rapids;

Whereas the Colorado Rapids organization has been an active community partner in civic events, youth sports, and the National Veterans Wheelchair Games; and

Whereas the teamwork, sportsmanship, and resolve exhibited by the Colorado Rapids' players, coaches, and staff in their 2010 season sets an admirable example for all athletes and brings the 2010 Major League Soccer Cup to Colorado: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

- 1 (1) commends the Colorado Rapids soccer club
- 2 for winning the 2010 Major League Soccer Cup; and
- 3 (2) congratulates the Colorado Rapids for win-
- 4 ning the first Major League Soccer Cup in the fran-
- 5 chise's history.