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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 279

Sponsors: Senators Rand; Albertson, Apodaca, Atwater, Berger of Franklin, Bingham, Blake, Brock, Brown, Brunstetter, Clodfelter, Dalton, East, Foriest, Forrester, Garrou, Goodall, Goss, Graham, Hagan, Hartsell, Hunt, Jones, Kinnaird, Nesbitt, Preston, Purcell, Queen, Snow, Soles, Stevens, Swindell, Tillman, and Weinstein.

Referred to: Calendar 2/22/07.

February 21, 2007

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM AT THE
2 UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL ON BECOMING
3 THE 2006 NCAA NATIONAL WOMEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONS.

4 Whereas, the women's soccer program at The University of North Carolina at
5 Chapel Hill warrants recognition and a commendation for its outstanding record of
6 excellence; and

7 Whereas, since 1979, the women's soccer program has achieved an overall
8 record of 629-28-18, becoming the most successful women's collegiate soccer program
9 in history; and

10 Whereas, on December 2, 2006, the women's soccer team won the NCAA
11 National Championship by defeating the University of Notre Dame by a score of 2-1,
12 giving the women's soccer program its 18th national championship title; and

13 Whereas, the women's soccer team finished the 2006 Atlantic Coast
14 Conference (ACC) season as the regular season champions with a record of 10-0 and
15 won the ACC tournament for the 17th time in its 19-year history; and

16 Whereas, the women's soccer team completed the 2006 season with an overall
17 record of 27-1-0, which included a 27-game winning streak, and finished the year
18 ranked number one in all four major polls; and

19 Whereas, nine individuals were named to the Soccer All-America Team for
20 2006 and seven individuals were called up by the US Women's National team in
21 preparation for the 2007 Four Nation's Tournament in Guangzhou, China; and

22 Whereas, over the span of 17 years, UNC has had 13 players named National
23 Player of the Year, including April Heinrichs in 1984 and 1986, Kristine Lilly in 1990
24 and 1991, Mia Hamm in 1992 and 1993, and Yael Averbuch and Heather O'Reilly, both
25 of whom were named National Player of the Year by competing polls in 2006; and

1 Whereas, Heather O'Reilly was a member of the 2004 US Olympic Gold
2 Medal Team in Athens, Greece, and was the first player from the ACC to be awarded
3 the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) Adidas Scholar Athlete
4 of the Year honor; and

5 Whereas, other UNC soccer players with national and international exposure
6 include 1996 Olympic Gold Medal Team members: Mia Hamm, Kristine Lilly, Cindy
7 Parlow, Carla Overbeck, Tiffany Roberts, Tracy Noonan, Tisha Venturini, and Staci
8 Wilson; and

9 Whereas, Anson Dorrance has served as the coach of the UNC women's
10 soccer team since its inception and during his 28 years as coach has received numerous
11 honors and awards for his contributions to the team and women's soccer; and

12 Whereas, in 2006, Coach Dorrance was named the National Soccer Coach of
13 the Year for the fifth time and the ACC Coach of the Year; and

14 Whereas, Coach Dorrance was inducted into the North Carolina Sports Hall
15 of Fame and was the recipient of the NSCAA's Walt Chyzowych Award for Lifetime
16 Coaching Achievement; and

17 Whereas, Coach Dorrance also made contributions to women's soccer as the
18 head coach of the US Women's Soccer Team in 1986; and

19 Whereas, assistant coach Chris Ducar also made valuable contributions
20 during the 2006 season and was named the National Assistant Coach of the Year; and

21 Whereas, members of the women's soccer team should also be commended
22 for being active participants in the community and serving as role models for young
23 women soccer players across the State and nation; and

24 Whereas, these extraordinary accomplishments of the players and coaches of
25 the women's soccer program bring great honor and distinction to the State of North
26 Carolina and deserve recognition; Now, therefore,

27 Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

28 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly expresses the appreciation and
29 admiration of the people of North Carolina to the women's soccer team at the University
30 of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for winning the 2006 NCAA National Soccer
31 Championship and recognizes the achievements of team members: Yael Averbuch, Eva
32 Baucom, Caroline Boneparth, Katie Brooks, Whitney Engen, Kristi Eveland, Kelly
33 Esposito, Betsy Frederick, Robyn Gayle, Jaime Gilbert, Elizabeth Guess, Ariel Harris,
34 Ashlyn Harris, Melissa Hayes, Ali Hawkins, Tobin Heath, Elizabeth Lancaster, Jessica
35 Maxwell, Ashley Moore, Mandy Moraca, Casey Nogueira, Heather O'Reilly, Jennifer
36 Perkins, Anna Rodenbough, Sterling Smith, Nikki Washington, and Julie Yates; head
37 coach, Anson Dorrance; assistant coaches, Chris Ducar and Bill Palladino; team
38 manager Tom Sander; and other staff members.

39 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly honors the University of North
40 Carolina at Chapel Hill women's soccer team, a North Carolina institution.

41 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
42 resolution to Athletic Director Dick Baddour and to head coach Anson Dorrance.

43 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.