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SR-55 (2019-2020)

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2019–2020 REGULAR SESSION

SENATE RESOLUTION

NO. 55

Introduced by Senators Leyva, Atkins, Bates, Caballero, Chang, Durazo, Galgiani, Lena Gonzalez, Grove, Hurtado, Jackson, Mitchell, Rubio, and Skinner

August 12, 2019

Relative to the United States Women's National Soccer Team.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SR 55, Leyva.

WHEREAS, On July 7, 2019, in a final held in Lyon, France, the United States Women's National Soccer Team (USWNST) won the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup; and

WHEREAS, With this victory, the USWNST became the first team to win the Women's World Cup four times; and

WHEREAS, The USWNST dominated the tournament, scoring the first goal in each match during the campaign, setting the record for most goals scored in a men's or women's World Cup match, and setting the record for the highest margin of victory in a single match — in both women's and men's World Cup soccer history; and

WHEREAS, With two consecutive wins the United States is now tied with Germany. Aside from the United States and Germany, no other team has won more than one Women's World Cup title since the tournament began in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Both the Golden Boot, awarded to the individual who scores the most goals during the tournament, and the Golden Ball, awarded to the tournament's best player, were presented to Megan Rapinoe; and

WHEREAS, The Silver Boot, awarded to the individual who scores the second-most goals during the tournament, and the Bronze Ball, awarded to the third-best player in the tournament, were presented to Alex Morgan and Rose Lavelle, respectively; and

WHEREAS, The USWNST is one of the strongest teams within the soccer world, as evidenced by their jersey sales, which made records. As Nike Chief Executive Officer Mark Parker reported, the team's home jersey "is now the number one soccer jersey, men's or women's, ever sold on Nike.com in one season"; and

WHEREAS, On March 8, International Women's Day, all 28 members of the USWNST filed a class-action lawsuit against the United States Soccer Federation for allegedly discriminating by paying the women less than members of the men's national team "for substantially equal work and by denying them at least equal playing, training, and travel conditions; equal promotion of their games; equal support and development for their games; and other terms and conditions of employment equal to the men's national team"; and

WHEREAS, The USWNST is using their international platform to uplift women and girls around the world. By advocating for equal pay in this context, the lawsuit sheds light on the issue of pay parity in all workplaces; and

WHEREAS, As USWNST team member Christen Press told the Associated Press, "We believe it is our duty to be the role models that we've set out to be and fight to what we know we legally deserve, and hopefully in that way it inspires women everywhere"; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That the Senate proudly proclaims its support for the United States Women's National Soccer Team's continued fight toward pay parity, on and off the field; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.