

House Resolution

No. 58

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House Resolution No. 58—Relative to the United States Women’s National Soccer Team.

1 WHEREAS, The United States Women’s National Soccer Team
2 has won three World Cup titles since the Women’s World Cup
3 was founded in 1991, as well as four Olympic gold medals; and
4 WHEREAS, The Women’s World Cup final victory in 2015
5 against Japan was the most watched soccer match in United States
6 television history for women or men; and
7 WHEREAS, In 2015, the United States Women’s National
8 Soccer Team earned the United States Soccer Federation a profit
9 more than three times the amount produced by the United States
10 Men’s National Soccer Team. In 2016 the women’s team is
11 expected to earn similar profits while the men’s team is projected
12 to lose earnings; and
13 WHEREAS, Despite their success, compensation for the
14 members of the United States Women’s National Soccer Team is
15 clearly disparate when compared with the United States Men’s
16 National Soccer Team. Women on the national team earn \$30,000
17 if they make the World Cup roster; men on the national team, on
18 the other hand, earn \$68,750 for making the World Cup roster,
19 which is more than twice as much as the pay earned by members
20 of the women’s national team; and

1 WHEREAS, If the United States Women's National Soccer
2 Team were to win all 20 regular season games, they would earn
3 only about 40 percent of the compensation for the same results by
4 the United States Men's National Soccer Team; and

5 WHEREAS, The United States Women's National Soccer Team
6 is given a bonus of \$1,350 for every friendly game they win; no
7 bonus is rewarded for a loss or tie. Comparatively, the United
8 States Men's National Soccer Team receives a bonus of \$5,000
9 for every friendly game they play, regardless of the outcome; and

10 WHEREAS, Female soccer players all over the country aspire
11 to join the United States Women's National Soccer Team and
12 unfair compensation sends the wrong message that even the best
13 players will not be properly and fairly recognized for their success;
14 now, therefore, be it

15 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California*, That the
16 Assembly hereby declares its support for the members of the United
17 States Women's National Soccer Team in their efforts to be fairly
18 compensated; and be it further

19 *Resolved*, That the Assembly urges the United States Soccer
20 Federation to immediately end gender pay disparities under the
21 federation; and be it further

22 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
23 of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution. .