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H. RES. 494

Honoring the United States Youth Soccer National Championships at the Maryland SoccerPlex in Germantown, Maryland.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MORELLA (for herself, Mr. EHRLICH, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. WOLF, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, and Mr. WYNN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Honoring the United States Youth Soccer National Championships at the Maryland SoccerPlex in Germantown, Maryland.

Whereas nearly 14,000,000 children play soccer in this country every year, making it the most popular youth team sport in country;

Whereas United States Youth Soccer is the largest organized soccer organization for youth, with over 3,200,000 registered players;

Whereas the Maryland SoccerPlex is a state-of-the-art, 24-field, soccer complex in Germantown, Maryland and is home of the National Championships in 2002 and 2003;

Whereas approximately 1000 teams entered the national competition, representing all 50 states divided into four regions of the country, with the final 48 teams to be competing at the Maryland SoccerPlex on July 23–28;

Whereas a total of 864 players and 192 coaches and administrators will compete at the National Championships;

Whereas the National Champions will be crowned in 12 different divisions, with boys and girls competing in Under-14 through Under-19 age groups;

Whereas the United States Soccer Federation initiated the youth championships in 1935 with what is now known as the James P. McGuire Cup (for U–19 Boys), and since its creation in 1974, United States Youth Soccer has added 11 additional divisions to the Youth Championship Tournament, with the U–14 and U–15 boys and girls championships being the most recently added in 2001; and

Whereas the Bethesda Eclipse, the Bethesda Fury, the Bethesda Alliance, and the '88 Bays, all teams from the great State of Maryland, will compete in the Championships: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives honors
 2 the outstanding accomplishments of the participants and
 3 organizers of the 2002 United States Youth Soccer Na-
 4 tional Championships at the Maryland SoccerPlex in Ger-
 5 mantown, Maryland.

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