

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 218) congratulating the United States Women's National Team for winning the 2015 FIFA World Cup.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, I rise as the coauthor, with Senator COLLINS, of this Senate resolution to honor and congratulate an extraordinary team on an extraordinary accomplishment. The U.S. women's national soccer team and their triumphant 5-to-2 victory over Japan at the 2015 FIFA World Cup final was an extraordinary accomplishment and a great victory for them, for the United States, for women's soccer, and women's sports.

These inspiring athletes have spent the past months captivating audiences around the globe with their determination, tenacity, and sheer grit. It started with our national team winning the so-called group of death against Australia, Sweden, and Nigeria. They went on to beat powerhouse teams Colombia, China, and Germany on the way to the final.

All along the way, they tied a World Cup record by playing 540 consecutive minutes without conceding a single goal. In the final, our national team came up strong, scoring four goals in the first 16 minutes, including three goals from New Jersey's own Carli Lloyd. Fellow New Jerseyan Tobin Heath would add another goal, and the team cruised to a resounding 5-to-2 victory. All in all, in the entire tournament, our women's national team never lost a game.

We are all proud of them. I am especially proud of fellow New Jerseyans Christie Rampone, Heather O'Reilly, Tobin Heath, and Golden Ball winner Carli Lloyd. But more than pride, we look to this team for inspiration. The women's World Cup final was the most watched soccer game in American history. The final game had my stepchildren Jana, who is an avid player and a big women's soccer fan, and her brother Sonny, who was rooting the team on—they were both riveted at what these women players were accomplishing. This game showed them what hard work and determination can do.

For Jana and every young girl who aspires to be the best, this victory makes her dreams seem within reach. Just as the 1999 U.S. World Cup team motivated an entire generation to pursue their dreams, I am certain the performance of this team will do the same and push this generation to dream bigger, work harder, and achieve even more than they have ever imagined.

I congratulate our champions. I look forward to the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I want to recognize the 2015 United States Women's National Soccer Team. Sunday night, our athletes brought home

their third World Cup championship and continued the excellence that we have come to know from the team. Four of the woman's national team players—Shannon Boxx, Julie Johnston, Lori Chalupny, and Christen Press—are also on Chicago's National Women's Soccer League team, the Red Stars.

More than 22 million Americans watched Team USA—including a crowd of thousands gathering in Lincoln Park in Chicago to watch the match on the big screens and cheer the U.S. women to victory. This was not an easy road for the United States team. Their mettle was tested against the best teams in the world, including No. 1 ranked Germany in the semifinal.

These 23 athletes displayed the best qualities of champions: depth, confidence, selflessness, athleticism, and unconquerable spirit. With a decisive 5-2 victory over Japan, the U.S. Women's National Team showed the world that this is what legacy looks like.

We will forever remember when this team of athletes brought the Nation to its feet, yelling, "I believe, I believe that we will win." And they did.

Mr. President, I congratulate all the players, coaches, and staff of the 2015 U.S. women's national soccer team.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 218) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2015

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, July 9; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, and the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day; finally, that following leader remarks, the Senate resume consideration of S. 1177.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, Chairman ALEXANDER and Ranking Member MURRAY intend to set up further amendment votes tomorrow before lunch, so Senators should expect a series of votes around 11:30 a.m. tomorrow.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that it stand adjourned under the previous order, following the remarks of Senator BLUMENTHAL.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EVERY CHILD ACHIEVES ACT

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I want to thank all of my colleagues for their hard work that has brought us to this point on the bipartisan Every Child Achieves Act. My friend and colleague from Tennessee, Chairman ALEXANDER, and my great colleague, Ranking Member MURRAY, of the HELP Committee have worked tirelessly to bring this bill to the floor. I salute them for finding many points of agreement that unite us in a very bipartisan way in forming our approach to high-stakes testing—an issue that has bedeviled this body and our Nation for many years—and requiring increased data collection and reporting, expanding access to early childhood education, increases in authorization of funding, and finally, after 13 years, reauthorizing the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

This bill is by no means perfect. Few measures approved by the Congress are. We work to come as close to perfection as possible. But, as the saying goes, we cannot let the perfect be the enemy of the good. This bill is a good bill. I personally would like to see some of the accountability provisions of the bill strengthened, ensuring that schools have real incentives to make reform.

I have some very serious qualms about a proposal that would change the formula for allocating title I funding in a way that would take funding away from certain districts in Connecticut and other States that serve low-income children.

I am hoping that three of the amendments I have written will make this legislation stronger.

First, I am pleased to say that an amendment that I had led to make sure schools and districts understand their responsibility under title IX was adopted in the underlying bill. I thank Chairman ALEXANDER and Ranking Member MURRAY for their commitment on this important title IX provision that makes the bill better and guarantees that title IX will be enforced.

A lot of people think title IX affects only athletic programs. In fact, it actually covers all forms of gender-based