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Congratulating the United States Men's National Soccer Team for its epic victory over Spain, for achieving one of the biggest upsets in the history of International Soccer, and for earning the first advancement to a FIFA tournament final in the history of United States Soccer.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 26, 2009

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. SIRES, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mrs. MALONEY, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. SESTAK, Mr. PIERLUISI, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. HOLT, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. MITCHELL, Mr. DOYLE, Ms. KILROY, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. REICHERT, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the United States Men's National Soccer Team for its epic victory over Spain, for achieving one of the biggest upsets in the history of International Soccer, and for earning the first advancement to a FIFA tournament final in the history of United States Soccer.

Whereas, on June 24, 2009, in Bloemfontein, South Africa, the United States Men's Soccer Team achieved an incredible victory over the Spanish Men's National Soccer Team, the number 1 ranked team in the world, by a score of 2 to 0 in the 2009 FIFA Confederations Cup Semi-final;

Whereas previous to the June 24, 2009, semi-final match, the Spanish Men's National Team achieved a 15-match winning streak (a new world record) and a 35-match unbeaten streak;

Whereas the Spanish Men's National Team has not suffered a defeat at the senior international level since November 2006;

Whereas the United States Men's National Soccer Team was ranked 14th in the world at the time of the match;

Whereas, on June 24, 2009, in Bloemfontein, South Africa, the United States Men's National Soccer Team arrayed themselves against one of the most formidable teams in the world;

Whereas 19-year old Josmer Altidore, originally from Livingston, New Jersey, scored an amazing goal from 19 yards away in the 27th minute of the match;

Whereas Clint Dempsey, born in Nacogdoches, Texas, scored a second goal at the 74th minute cinching the United States Men's National Soccer Team's victory;

Whereas Goal Keeper Tim Howard, born in North Brunswick Township, New Jersey, made an impressive 8 saves to accomplish a shut-out against the number 1 team in the world; and

Whereas the entire United States Men's National Soccer Team has shown the world that the grit, determination, and skill of United States soccer should never be underestimated: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives con-
- 2 gratulates the United States Men's National Soccer Team
- 3 for its epic victory over Spain, for achieving one of the

- 1 biggest upsets in the history of the Confederations Cup,
- 2 and for earning the first advancement to a FIFA tour-
- 3 nament final in the history of United States Soccer.

