

117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. RES. 857

Congratulating the Los Angeles Football Club for winning the 2022 Major League Soccer Cup.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 1, 2022

Mr. PADILLA (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Los Angeles Football Club for winning the 2022 Major League Soccer Cup.

Whereas, on Saturday, November 5, 2022, the Los Angeles Football Club (referred to in this preamble as “LAFC”) won the 2022 Major League Soccer (referred to in this preamble as “MLS”) Cup by defeating the Eastern Conference Champions, the Philadelphia Union;

Whereas the MLS Cup victory is the first in the 5 seasons of LAFC;

Whereas, in what is considered to be one of the best MLS Cup matches ever played, LAFC won in front of the LAFC Independent Supporter’s Union (commonly known and referred to in this preamble as “The 3252”) and a sold-out crowd at Banc of California Stadium;

Whereas the equalizer by Gareth Bale in the 128th minute of the MLS Cup match was the latest goal scored in MLS history and it tied the game at 3–3 and forced a penalty shootout;

Whereas substitute goalkeeper John McCarthy was named the Most Valuable Player of the MLS Cup after making 2 saves in the penalty shootout, helping LAFC win 3–0 on penalty kicks;

Whereas, during the 2022 MLS Cup Playoffs, LAFC defeated the Los Angeles Galaxy and the Austin Football Club to win the Western Conference title;

Whereas the Supporters' Shield is an award given to the MLS team with the best regular season record and, during the 2022 MLS season, LAFC led the league with 21 wins, 9 losses, and 4 draws, earning LAFC the second Supporters' Shield in the history of the team;

Whereas LAFC became the eighth team in history, and the first team since 2017, to win the MLS Cup and the Supporters' Shield in the same year;

Whereas The 3252 is a renowned group of supporters that has demonstrated the utmost passion and moral support to LAFC during the 2022 MLS season and each season since the inaugural season of LAFC in 2018;

Whereas the entire LAFC organization, including co-president and general manager John Thorrington and head coach Steve Cherundolo, deserve immense praise for building a championship-caliber team with highly skilled soccer players and staff;

Whereas the entire ownership team for LAFC, including co-managing owners Larry Berg, Brandon Beck, and Ben-

nett Rosenthal, deserve congratulations for the excellence of the franchise;

Whereas, since its founding in 2014, LAFC has been dedicated to using soccer as a vehicle for change by supporting community efforts to promote education, health and wellness, environmental protection, civic engagement, and more;

Whereas the entire LAFC roster contributed to the 2022 MLS Cup victory and Supporter’s Shield award, including captain Carlos Vela, Kellyn Acosta, Cristian “Chicho” Arango, Gareth Bale, Latif Blessing, Denis Bouanga, Giorgio Chiellini, José Cifuentes, Maxime Crépeau, Erik Dueñas, Franco Escobar, Mamadou Fall, Julian Gaines, Francisco Ginella, Ryan Hollingshead, Sebastien Ibeagha, Cal Jennings, Tony Leone, John McCarthy, Jesús Murillo, Jhegson Méndez, Kwadwo “Mahala” Opoku, Nathan Ordaz, Diego “Chiqui” Palacios, Tomás Romero, Eddie Segura, Ilie Sánchez, Cristian Tello, Christian Torres, Mohamed Traore, and Danny Trejo; and

Whereas, since 2014, Los Angeles professional sports teams have won titles in MLS, the National Football League, Major League Baseball, the National Basketball Association, the National Hockey League, and the Women’s National Basketball Association: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) congratulates the Los Angeles Football Club

3               and fans of the Los Angeles Football Club on win-

4               ning the 2022 Major League Soccer Cup;

1           (2) recognizes the achievements of all the play-  
2           ers, coaches, and staff who contributed to the 2022  
3           Major League Soccer Cup victory; and

4           (3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of  
5           the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolu-  
6           tion to—

7                   (A) the co-managing owners of the Los  
8                   Angeles Football Club, Larry Berg, Bennett  
9                   Rosenthal, and Brandon Beck and executive  
10                  chairman Peter Guber;

11                   (B) the co-president and chief business of-  
12                  ficer of the Los Angeles Football Club, Larry  
13                  Freedman; and

14                   (C) the co-president and general manager  
15                  of the Los Angeles Football Club, John  
16                  Thorrington.

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