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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, In recent years the U.S. women's soccer team has
3 outperformed the men's national team by consistently being
4 ranked No. 1 worldwide and winning the Women's World Cup in
5 2015 and gold medals in the 2004, 2008, and 2012 Summer
6 Olympics; and

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WHEREAS, Once again the women's team enters this year's
8 Women's World Cup as favorites with the nation behind them; and

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WHEREAS, The U.S. women's national team has outpaced the
men's national team in viewership, as its 2015 Women's World
Cup championship game is the most watched soccer game in
American history, for either gender; and

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WHEREAS, Recently, 28 women's team players filed a federal
lawsuit against the U.S. Soccer Federation, alleging that the
Federation had engaged in wage discrimination by paying the
women far less than the men, despite the fact that these female
and male players are called upon to perform the same job
responsibilities on their teams and participate in
international competitions for their single common employer,
the United States Soccer Federation; and

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WHEREAS, Despite greater success than the U.S. men's

1 national team, the women's team has consistently been paid
2 considerably less; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we support the U.S.
5 Women's national soccer team members in their effort to achieve
6 equal compensation.