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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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JAMES, BOBACK, MACKENZIE AND ROZZI, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

A RESOLUTION

1 Championing FIFA to choose Philadelphia as the site of the 2026
2 World Cup.

3 WHEREAS, The Federation Internationale de Football
4 Association (FIFA) was founded on May 21, 1904, to provide unity
5 among the original seven national soccer associations; and

6 WHEREAS, FIFA now has 211 member nations that comprise
7 varying confederations over the entire world; and

8 WHEREAS, Every four years, the FIFA World Cup is held with 32
9 teams competing to determine one winner; and

10 WHEREAS, The first championship was held in 1930 and has been
11 held every four years since then, except in 1942 and 1946 due to
12 World War II; and

13 WHEREAS, Using a ballot system, a host country is chosen by
14 FIFA's Council to determine where the World Cup will be held;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, For the first time in FIFA World Cup history, FIFA's

1 Council determined the 2026 World Cup will be held in Canada,
2 Mexico and the United States, with 48 teams competing; and

3 WHEREAS, Mexico and Canada will each host 10 matches, and the
4 remaining 60 games will be hosted by the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Philadelphia is one of 17 cities bidding for the
6 opportunity to host matches in the United States during the
7 championship; and

8 WHEREAS, As America's birthplace, Philadelphia will be the
9 center of America's 250th anniversary celebration in 2026 and
10 the perfect place to welcome the world for the FIFA World Cup;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Philadelphia is the first city in America to be
13 recognized as a World Heritage City, and the designation
14 elevates the city and gives it a new status among international
15 cities; and

16 WHEREAS, The 2015 papal visit and the 2017 National Football
17 League draft have proven that Philadelphia is successful in
18 coordinating large scale events; and

19 WHEREAS, The Lincoln Financial Field venue in Philadelphia
20 welcomed Manchester United and FC Barcelona as its inaugural
21 event in 2003 and has the capacity to hold thousands of
22 individuals who will travel from across the world to watch the
23 World Cup; and

24 WHEREAS, Numerous soccer events have been held at the Lincoln
25 Financial Field in the past, including the CONCACAF Gold Cup,
26 Copa America, FIFA Women's World Cup, the United State Women's
27 National Team Victory Tour and countless International
28 Friendlies; and

29 WHEREAS, Philadelphia broke the United States Women's
30 National Team attendance record in August 2019 with nearly

1 50,000 fans at Lincoln Financial Field in the United States
2 versus Portugal match; and

3 WHEREAS, The stadium is highly accredited for the
4 sustainability practices implemented at all sporting events; and

5 WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Eagles were the first professional
6 sports team in the world to receive the prestigious ISO 20121
7 Event Sustainability Management System certification in 2018;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, As the nation's fourth largest media market,
10 Philadelphia is within 150 miles of 40 million people, the most
11 of any city in the United States; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives champion FIFA to
13 choose Philadelphia as the site of the 2026 World Cup; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the FIFA
16 President and Council.