

House Concurrent Resolution 24

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON RULES

SUMMARY

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Welcomes professional soccer team Portland Timbers.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas Oregon is now home to two professional athletic franchises, with the Portland Timbers' home debut in Major League Soccer on April 14, 2011; and

Whereas the Portland Timbers represent the 18th soccer club in North America to join Major League Soccer since the league was founded in 1993; and

Whereas the Portland Timbers started as a semiprofessional soccer team in Portland, Oregon, in 1975 as part of the North American Soccer league; and

Whereas nearly 20 years after their last season in the North American Soccer League, the Portland Timbers reclaimed Oregon as their home and played nine seasons in the United Soccer Leagues; and

Whereas 2011 is the year when the Portland Timbers graduate from second-tier soccer to among the elite in North America, as the newest club to make up Major League Soccer; and

Whereas April 2011 marks the beginning of a new era of topflight soccer in the Rose City; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly, recognize, honor and celebrate April 14, 2011, as Portland Timbers Day, welcoming Oregon's newest professional athletic franchise and supporting their success and excellence both on and off the soccer field.

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