

Senate Concurrent Resolution 207

Sponsored by Senators BURDICK, COURTNEY, Representative WILLIAMSON; Senators DEMBROW, GELSER, HANSELL, MONNES ANDERSON, PROZANSKI, ROBLAN, ROSENBAUM, SHIELDS, STEINER HAYWARD, Representatives BARNHART, DOHERTY, LININGER, PARRISH (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Honors Portland Timbers for their 2015 MLS Cup victory.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas the Portland Timbers earned their first Major League Soccer (MLS) championship on
3 December 6, 2015, capturing the 2015 MLS Cup trophy with a 2 to 1 victory over Columbus Crew
4 SC; and

5 Whereas team owner Merritt Paulson, recognizing Portland's potential as an MLS powerhouse,
6 has steered the development of both the Portland Timbers and their home stadium, Providence Park,
7 to excellence; and

8 Whereas throughout the season the Portland Timbers were spurred to victory by the rousing
9 cheers of the Timbers Army and the team's legion of supporters who have filled Providence Park to
10 capacity for every regular-season and playoff match since the Portland Timbers' inaugural MLS
11 season; and

12 Whereas led by head coach Caleb Porter, the Portland Timbers finished a winning season that
13 landed them third in the Western Conference, a placement that earned them the right to advance
14 to the MLS Cup Playoffs; and

15 Whereas the Portland Timbers progressed without a loss in their post-season playoff march to
16 win the cup final, defeating Sporting Kansas City, Vancouver Whitecaps FC, FC Dallas and
17 Columbus Crew SC; and

18 Whereas 27 seconds into the match Diego Valeri scored, breaking the record for the fastest goal
19 in MLS Cup history and securing for himself the 2015 MLS Cup MVP award; and

20 Whereas Rodney Wallace headed in the team's final goal; and

21 Whereas although the victory log, used in the Portland Timbers' beloved slab ceremony tradi-
22 tion, was not allowed in MAPFRE Stadium, team mascot Timber Joey still trucked the log 2,400
23 miles to Columbus, Ohio, to saw off slabs in spirit for the team's two goals; and

24 Whereas since their first game as an MLS team in 2011, the Portland Timbers have caught the
25 imagination of Oregonians, fixing Major League Soccer firmly in the heart of Oregon's sports scene;
26 now, therefore,

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

27 That we, the members of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly, honor the Portland Timbers
28 for their victory in winning the 2015 MLS Cup.
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