

**Enrolled**  
**House Concurrent Resolution 27**

Sponsored by Representatives PILUSO, SMITH WARNER, BONHAM, WILLIAMSON, Senator TAYLOR; Representatives BYNUM, HELM, KENY-GUYER, POWER, SCHOUTEN, Senators BURDICK, DEMBROW, GELSER, MONNES ANDERSON, STEINER HAYWARD, THOMSEN

Whereas Portland Thorns Football Club (FC) was established in 2012; and

Whereas in 2013, Portland Thorns FC defeated the Western New York Flash to win the National Women's Soccer League (NWSL) Championship in the league's inaugural season; and

Whereas Portland Thorns FC won the 2016 NWSL Shield as the team with the best record during the regular season; and

Whereas in 2017, Portland Thorns FC defeated the North Carolina Courage to win their second NWSL Championship; and

Whereas Portland Thorns FC became the first team in NWSL history to appear in three league finals with their 2018 NWSL Championship appearance before a sold-out and record-setting crowd of 21,144 at Providence Park in Portland on September 22, 2018; and

Whereas Portland Thorns FC are strongly supported by the local community and have led the NWSL in attendance in each of the club's first six seasons, in the process becoming the most well-attended women's professional sports team in the world; and

Whereas the Rose City Riveters, who chant and sing with gusto in the legendary north end of Providence Park at every Portland Thorns FC home match, are widely regarded as the preeminent supporters group for women's professional soccer anywhere in the world; and

Whereas supporters of Portland Thorns FC find unity and purpose in the social media hashtag #BAONPDX ("By Any Other Name"), which reflects the history of the Rose City Riveters, salutes the City of Portland and pledges undying support for the club and its players; and

Whereas Portland Thorns FC and its players have embodied standards of athletic success, creating a family-friendly and energizing environment for fans; and

Whereas Portland Thorns FC and its players have committed countless hours to the community through work with nonprofit organizations as part of the club's community platform, Stand Together; and

Whereas Portland Thorns FC fosters a team culture of integrity, high character and grit that sets a sterling example for young players; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Eightieth Legislative Assembly, commend the Portland Thorns FC organization and players for their achievements and performance, on and off the field, over six professional seasons that have established the club as a model among women's professional sports teams worldwide. #BAONPDX

Adopted by House May 2, 2019

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate May 29, 2019

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Peter Courtney, President of Senate