

I was a judge for many years, and part of my job was to discern right from wrong, and I can unequivocally say many of the calls that went against the US team were dubious at best. But did our players quit? No, just the opposite. In circumstances that would cause many teams to hang their heads, quit and look for someone to blame, they showed their resolve to represent America well and show the rest of the world the values that we as Americans stand for. Despite two goals being wiped off the scoreboard, our players rose to the challenge, took the game into their own hands and displayed their indomitable spirit.

It was in these times of perseverance and fortitude that I couldn't help but be proud as an American and proud to be represented by the fine players on our team. When these guys put on their red, white and blue jerseys they represented more than themselves, more than their team, they represent a nation. A nation that prides itself on the things that our founders spelled out in our Declaration of Independence and our Constitution. Though we did not achieve the ultimate goal of winning the World Cup, our team handled themselves with class. We owe a debt of gratitude to each and every one of them for their hard work in preparation for this tournament and for also representing us as a nation so very well.

I would also like to recognize my constituents and members of the United States Men's National Soccer team, Clint Dempsey of Nacogdoches and Francisco Jose Torres of Longview, on their performances in the World Cup.

Clint Dempsey began kicking a soccer ball around in the Texas town of Nacogdoches with his family and neighborhood children. He attended Furman University in South Carolina and was a star player—starting 61 out of 62 games and scoring 17 goals. After college, Clint joined the Boston based-New England Revolution, an American Major League Soccer club. He was named the MLS Rookie of the Year for 2004 after having a spectacular first season playing 24 of 30 games and scoring 7 goals. He led the Revs to three Major League Soccer Cup playoffs in 2005, 2006 and 2007. At the 2006 World Cup in Germany, he won the Honda Player of the Year for 2006, the highest individual honor in USA soccer, for being the only American player to score in the tournament. He has also been awarded the 2007 U.S. Soccer Athlete of the Year and the FIFA Confederations Cup Bronze Ball in 2009 for his performance during the Confederations Cup Final against Brazil. On June 12, 2010, Clint Dempsey scored a goal in an intense opening match against England to insure a 1–1 tie during the World Cup in South Africa. Clint or “Duece,” as many of his teammates know him, is known for his toughness, dribbling abilities, and versatility on the field.

Jose Francisco Torres grew up in Longview and attended Longview High School. He joined Pachuca, a Mexican football team that competes in the Mexican Primera Division, where he won a championship in 2007 and appeared in all three matches at the 2008 FIFA Club World Cup. He was also a member of the United States team in the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics. During the 2010 World Cup, the young, quick midfielder appeared during the Slovenia v. U.S. game. He is a star on the rise of whom East Texas is extremely proud as are all Americans. We wish both men the best of luck in their future endeavors. They are local as well as national heroes and role models to many aspiring young soccer players.

Although our U.S. team didn't prevail in our final game, the teamwork and passion inspired millions of Americans and speaks volumes about soccer in the United States. We offer our thanks and congratulations the United States Men's National Soccer Team, and know that all members of Congress will likely be supporting this resolution.

Mr. CAO. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, again, I would like to urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the U.S. Men's National Soccer Team for their inspiring World Cup performance.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. CHU) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 1527.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today after 6 p.m. and the balance of the week.

Mr. SHADEGG (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today and the balance of the week on account of family reasons.

Mr. POE of Texas (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today from 1 until 2 p.m. on account of other congressional business.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2765. An act to amend title 28, United States Code, to prohibit recognition and enforcement of foreign defamation judgments and certain foreign judgments against the providers of interactive computer services.

H.R. 4380. An act to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5610. An act to provide a technical adjustment with respect to funding for independent living centers under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 in order to ensure stability for such centers.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced her signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 1749. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the possession or use of cell phones and similar wireless devices by Federal prisoners.

S. 1789. An act to restore fairness to Federal cocaine sentencing.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reports that on July 29, 2010 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 5610. To provide a technical adjustment with respect to funding for independent living centers under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 in order to ensure stability for such centers.

H.R. 2765. To amend title 28, United States Code, to prohibit recognition and enforcement of foreign defamation judgments and certain foreign judgments against the providers of interactive computer services.

H.R. 4899. Making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 10 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until today, Friday, July 30, 2010, at 9 a.m.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for speaker-Authorized Official Travel during the first and second quarters of 2010 pursuant to Public Law 95-384 are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, STACEE BAKO, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 5 AND JULY 10, 2010

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
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