House Resolution 610

By: Representatives Bonner of the 72nd, Mathiak of the 73rd, Bazemore of the 63rd, Jackson of the 64th, and Singleton of the 71st

A RESOLUTION

Congratulating the AFC Lightning Soccer Club and the 2007 girls' soccer team on a National Championship season of historic proportions; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, AFC Lightning was established in 1984; and

WHEREAS, AFC Lightning is regarded as one of the premier youth soccer clubs in the country; and

WHEREAS, AFC Lightning has won two prior national championships; and

WHEREAS, AFC Lightning has produced multiple players representing the United States in international competition, including FIFA World Cup participants, a FIFA World Cup Champion, and an Olympic Gold Medalist; and

WHEREAS, AFC Lightning had three teams advance to the National Finals, including the 2003 girls, 2006 boys and 2007 girls; and

WHEREAS, the AFC Lightning 2007 girls' soccer team finished the 2020-2021 regular season undefeated with a record of 12 wins and one draw, winning the South Atlantic Premier League with a plus 55-goal differential in 13 matches played; and

WHEREAS, the AFC Lightning 2007 girls' soccer team continued its season in the National Premier League's Finals in Denver, Colorado, at Dick's Sporting Goods Park, going undefeated in three group stage games, followed by a semi-final match before advancing to the national championship match; and

WHEREAS, the AFC Lightning 2007 girls' soccer team won a decisive, hard-fought victory over Club Ohio to win the club's third National Championship; and

WHEREAS, the team's accomplishments are demonstrated through their drive, tenacity, and dedication; and

WHEREAS, the team's accomplishments are a testament to the club mission as well as its coaching staff and leadership, including Coach Glen Fox, Girls Director of Coaching Christian Dane, Executive Director Steve Muccillo, and President Robert Sanford; and

WHEREAS, a further result of the AFC Lightning Soccer Clubs third National Championship was the unification of the Fayette County community, cultivating community pride and spirit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that the members of this body congratulate the AFC Lightning Club and the 2007 girls' soccer team on a historic season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to members of the AFC Lightning soccer club.