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112TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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Congratulating the Miami Heat on their 2012 National Basketball Association  
Championship.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to  
the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# RESOLUTION

Congratulating the Miami Heat on their 2012 National  
Basketball Association Championship.

Whereas American Airlines Arena, located in the City of  
Miami, Florida, is home court for the Miami Heat;

Whereas on July 7, 2010, Dwyane Wade decided to re-sign  
with the Miami Heat;

Whereas on July 7, 2010, Chris Bosh decided to sign with  
the Miami Heat and left the Toronto Raptors;

Whereas on July 8, 2010, LeBron James decided to take his  
talent to South Beach and sign with the Miami Heat;

Whereas on July 9, 2010, Dwyane Wade, LeBron James, and Chris Bosh were anointed the Three Kings at a ceremony in American Airlines Arena in Miami;

Whereas on June 21, 2012, the Miami Heat defeated the Oklahoma City Thunder, the Western Conference Champions, in Game 5 of the National Basketball Association (NBA) Finals by a score of 121-106 to win the 2012 NBA Championship;

Whereas the Miami Heat is the first team in the history of the NBA to win the Finals after trailing in 3 different playoff series, at one point trailing the Indiana Pacers 2 games to 1, the Boston Celtics 3 games to 2, and the Oklahoma City Thunder 1 game to 0;

Whereas the Miami Heat defeated the New York Knicks, Indiana Pacers, and the Boston Celtics in the Eastern Conference Finals to reach the 2012 NBA Finals;

Whereas LeBron James of the Miami Heat—

(1) was named the 2012 NBA Finals Most Valuable Player;

(2) was named the NBA's 2012 Most Valuable Player for the third time;

(3) is the first Miami Heat player to be awarded the NBA's Most Valuable Player for a basketball season; and

(4) is the 10th player in NBA history to achieve recognition as both the regular season and Finals Most Valuable Player during the same season;

Whereas the “White Hot” Miami Heat fans sold out the American Airlines Arena and cheered on their hometown team;

Whereas this 2012 NBA Championship title is the second such title for the Miami Heat, which has long been one

of the most outstanding basketball programs in the United States;

Whereas the Miami Heat franchise was formed in 1988;

Whereas in the Miami Heat franchise's brief 24 year history, the team, in addition to this 2nd NBA Championship, has—

- (1) reached the playoffs 16 times;
- (2) won 9 division titles; and
- (3) won 3 conferences titles;

Whereas Dwayne Wade and Udonis Haslem have won their 2nd NBA Championship with the Miami Heat;

Whereas head coach Erik Spoelstra tied Pat Riley for the Heat franchise record with his 34th postseason win;

Whereas the Miami Heat coaching staff was comprised of—

- (1) Erik Spoelstra, head coach;
- (2) Bob McAdoo, assistant coach;
- (3) Keith Askins, assistant coach;
- (4) Ron Rothstein, assistant coach;
- (5) David Fizdale, assistant coach;
- (6) Chad Kammerer, assistant coach;
- (7) Scout Octavio De La Grana, assistant coach and advance scout;
- (8) Bill Foran, strength and condition coach;
- (9) Jay Sabol, athletic trainer;
- (10) Rey Jaffet, assistant trainer; and
- (11) Rob Pimental, assistant trainer;

Whereas the Miami Heat coaching staff exhibited exemplary leadership and guidance of the team during the 2011-2012 season;

Whereas the Miami Heat management is comprised of—

- (1) Mickey Arison, owner and managing partner;

(2) Pat Riley, president;

(3) Eric Woolworth, president of business operations; and

(4) Andy Elisburg, senior vice president and assistant general manager;

Whereas the Miami Heat management has shown a positive commitment to the Miami Heat franchise by successfully acquiring, assembling, and maintaining a team of high-quality, winning players;

Whereas the Miami Heat broadcasters include—

(1) Eric Reid;

(2) Tony Florentino;

(3) Jason Jackson;

(4) John Crotty;

(5) Jose Pañeda;

(6) Mike Inglis; and

(7) Joe Pujala;

Whereas the Miami Heat broadcasters helped transmit all of the Miami Heat games through radio and television;

Whereas, in Game 5 of the NBA Finals—

(1) Dwayne Wade scored 20 points and acquired 8 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals, and 3 blocks;

(2) LeBron James had a triple-double with 26 points, 11 rebounds, and 13 assists to lead the Miami Heat to victory;

(3) Chris Bosh scored 24 points and acquired 7 rebounds and 2 blocks; and

(4) Mike Miller made 7 of 8 3-point range shots and scored 23 points;

Whereas the Miami Heat tied an NBA Finals record with 14 3-pointers in Game 5;

Whereas the Miami Heat have not only been players on the court, but they have also been instrumental role models to the South Florida community;

Whereas the Miami Heat organization has a positive civic impact on the south Florida community through—

- (1) Miami HEAT Family Outreach Charitable Fund;
- (2) Heat Academy;
- (3) Heat Scholarships;
- (4) Miami Heat Read to Achieve;
- (5) Miami Heat Fund-Raiser;
- (6) Miami Heat Wheels;
- (7) Shoot for the Stars Books and Basketball Summer Clinics;
- (8) Heat Youth Basketball; and
- (9) the Miami Heat Learn to Swim Program; and

Whereas the Miami Heat fans are a part of this championship by supporting the team and giving the team the energy, strength, love, and passion to compete each and every season: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) congratulates—

3                       (A) the Miami Heat for winning the 2012

4               National Basketball Association World Cham-

5               pionship and for the players' outstanding per-

6               formance during the 2011-2012 NBA season;

7               and

1 (B) Miami Heat LeBron James for win-  
2 ning the 2012 NBA Finals Most Valuable Play-  
3 er Award;

4 (2) recognizes and praises the achievements of  
5 the Miami Heat players, coaches, management, and  
6 support staff whose hard work, dedication, and resil-  
7 ience proved instrumental throughout the Miami  
8 Heat's championship season;

9 (3) commends the south Florida community  
10 and the Miami Heat fans for their dedication; and

11 (4) directs the Clerk of the House of Represent-  
12 atives to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution  
13 to—

14 (A) each of the Miami Heat players;

15 (B) Pat Riley, Miami Heat president;

16 (C) Micky Arison, Miami Heat owner and  
17 managing general partner;

18 (D) Eric Woolworth, Miami Heat president  
19 of business operations;

20 (E) Andy Elisburg, Miami Heat senior vice  
21 president of basketball operations;

22 (F) each of the Miami Heat coaches and  
23 trainers;

24 (G) the Honorable Tomas Regalado,  
25 Mayor of the City of Miami, Florida;

1                   (H) the Honorable Carlos Gimenez, Mayor  
2 of Miami-Dade County, Florida;

3                   (I) the Honorable Joe Martinez, Chairman  
4 of the Miami-Dade County Board of Commis-  
5 sioners;

6                   (J) all of the Commissioners of the City of  
7 Miami and Miami-Dade County; and

8                   (K) the Honorable Rock Scott, Governor of  
9 the State of Florida.