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CONGRATULATING Tyler Adams upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition as a member of the United States Men's National Soccer Team at the 2022 World Cup Tournament in Qatar

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to extend its full recognition and grateful tribute to the athletes of New York State who have dedicated their purposeful lives to athletic achievement and proudly represented their great State and Nation in international sports competition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Tyler Adams upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition as a member of the United States Men's National Soccer Team at the 2022 World Cup Tournament in Qatar; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the United States Men's National Soccer Team tied both Wales and England, and defeated Iran 1-0 to advance to the Round of 16 of this renowned international tournament; and

WHEREAS, Tyler Adams, a resident of Wappingers Falls, New York, led his team as Captain through four hard fought battles, proving the United States was a force to be reckoned with; for his strong leadership and work ethic, he was voted the 2022 BioSteel Soccer Male Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Born on February 14, 1999, Tyler Adams was a star athlete on the Roy C. Ketcham High School soccer team; in 2012, he started with the New York Red Bulls where he played in the U13, U14, and U16 leagues; in 2015, he signed with the Red Bulls II team which won the 2016 USL Cup; and

WHEREAS, Tyler Adams then joined the MLS team the New York Red Bulls, and helped his team capture the 2018 Supporters Shield, before playing for the RB Leipzig in Germany where he scored the winning goal which brought the club to the UEFA Champions League semifinals for the first time; he was also instrumental in the team winning the 2021-2022 DFB Pokal title; and

WHEREAS, On July 6, 2022, Tyler Adams transferred to the English Premier League Club Leeds United and made his debut in a 2-1 win against the Wolverhampton Wanderers on August 6, 2022; and

WHEREAS, A role model for all, Tyler Adams is a talented, dedicated athlete who has brought honor to his family, his coaches, and his community of friends who have encouraged his progress and commended his hard work; and

WHEREAS, Tyler Adams' character and achievements truly stand as a sterling example and inspiration to all who would aspire to such extraordinary success; and

WHEREAS, Many will only dream of competing in the World Cup; this talented athlete from the great State of New York, through his hard work and tenacious spirit, has made that vision a reality, and has proudly represented his country in competition among the world's finest athletes, an honor that gives just cause for his family, community and State to be exceedingly proud of his achievements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Tyler Adams upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition as a member of the United States Men's National Soccer Team at the 2022 World Cup Tournament in Qatar; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tyler Adams.