

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 374

Commending Alexandra Blaire Krieger.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 9, 2017
 Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 17, 2017

WHEREAS, Alexandra Blaire Krieger, a native of Alexandria, proudly represented the United States and the Commonwealth at the Games of the XXXI Olympiad in Rio de Janeiro in 2016 as a member of the women's soccer team; and

WHEREAS, Alexandra "Ali" Krieger grew up in Dumfries, Virginia, and graduated from Forest Park High School in Prince William County, where she led the girls' soccer team to its first undefeated season and was named *Washington Post* Player of the Year as a senior; and

WHEREAS, Ali Krieger attended Pennsylvania State University, where she was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year, helped to lead the team to National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament appearances each year, received All-Big Ten First Team Honors three of four years, received All-NSCAA First Team Honors, and was named Team Captain her senior year; she was the only Nittany Lion to win All Big-Ten Honors at two different positions; and

WHEREAS, since 2004, Ali Krieger has played professional soccer in the United States and Germany with FFC Frankfurt, the Washington Freedom, the Washington Spirit, and Tyresö FF and currently plays for the Orlando Pride in the National Women's Soccer League; and

WHEREAS, Ali Krieger was named as an alternate for the women's national team during the 2008 Olympic Games, played all 600 minutes on the 2011 FIFA World Cup runner-up women's team and played all but 10 minutes on the 2015 FIFA World Cup champion women's team, where she led a defense that allowed only three goals the entire tournament; and

WHEREAS, during the 2016 Olympic Games, Ali Krieger and the United States women's national team advanced to the quarterfinals of the soccer tournament; and

WHEREAS, known by her teammates by her nickname, "Warrior Princess," Ali Krieger is a model athlete and community leader; she has supported MiracleFeet, which provides shoes and treatment to children with clubfoot in developing countries around the world; Garth Brooks Teammates for Kids Foundation, where she mentored children in various programs; and the nonprofit organization Athlete Ally, which works to create an accepting environment in sports for all athletes; and

WHEREAS, Ali Krieger is an inspiration to girls, women, and soccer players throughout the Commonwealth, the United States, and the world, and in recognition of her exceptional achievements, a new sports park containing the first soccer fields in the Potomac District of Prince William County has been chosen to be named the Ali Krieger Sports Complex in her honor; and

WHEREAS, throughout the course of her soccer career and during the Olympic Games in particular, Ali Krieger has enjoyed the passionate support of her family, friends, coaches, and the members of the Northern Virginia community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Alexandra Blaire Krieger on representing the United States and the Commonwealth as a member of the women's soccer team at the Games of the XXXI Olympiad; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Alexandra Blaire Krieger as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for her outstanding achievements as a member of Team USA.

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