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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 09-034

101 CONCERNING HONORING THE COLORADO RUSH SOCCER CLUB FOR ITS  
102 OUTREACH EFFORTS THROUGH THE IRAQ REACH PROGRAM,  
103 AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, PROCLAIMING "COLORADO  
104 RUSH 'REACH' DAY".

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1 WHEREAS, In 2007, the Colorado Rush, a Littleton-based youth  
2 soccer club, donated more than 20,000 soccer balls, shoes, and uniforms  
3 to Iraqi children through the Rush Equipment Assisting Children  
4 (REACH) program; and

5 WHEREAS, The REACH program has shipped soccer equipment  
6 to over 15 third world countries since 2004, and sent soccer gear to  
7 Nigeria, Sudan, and other parts of Africa as recently as last week; and

8 WHEREAS, The United States military distributed the donated  
9 soccer equipment, weighing a total of nearly five tons, to children in  
10 several cities in Iraq, including Baghdad, Sadr City, Karrada, Mosul,  
11 Samawah, and Basra; and

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*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

SENATE  
Final Reading  
April 1, 2009

1           WHEREAS, General David Petraeus has stressed the importance  
2 of building relationships with and gaining the trust of the Iraqi people if  
3 the United States military is to have a successful mission in the region;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, General Petraeus has linked such efforts to build  
6 relationships and gain trust to the decrease in violence levels in Iraq; and

7           WHEREAS, According to a January 2009 Multi-National  
8 Force-Iraq press release, violence levels in Iraq are at a six-year low; and

9           WHEREAS, Through its donation of soccer equipment to Iraqi  
10 children as part of the Iraq REACH program, the Colorado Rush has  
11 fostered a sense of goodwill between the people of the United States and  
12 Iraq, thus contributing to a successful military mission in Iraq; and

13           WHEREAS, The REACH program will continue to support the  
14 United States troops as long as they need REACH's help; now, therefore,

15           *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-seventh General Assembly*  
16 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

17           That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, praise  
18 the efforts of the Colorado Rush Soccer Club and proclaim May 1st as  
19 "Colorado Rush 'REACH' Day" in the state in honor of the Club's  
20 founding day, May 1, 1997.

21           *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
22 to General David Petraeus, each member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and  
23 the Colorado Rush Soccer Club.