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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JANUARY 31, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing unwavering support for the men and women of Team USA
2 participating in the XXIII Winter Olympic Games in
3 PyeongChang, Republic of Korea.

4 WHEREAS, PyeongChang, Gangwon Province, Republic of Korea,
5 was selected to host the 2018 Olympic Winter Games by the 123rd
6 International Olympic Committee on July 6, 2011, the first time
7 the games will be held in the Republic of Korea since 1988 when
8 Seoul was the host city; and

9 WHEREAS, On November 1, 2017, the PyeongChang Olympic Torch
10 relay began a journey of 2,018 kilometers, winding its way
11 through nine provinces and eight major cities across the
12 Republic of Korea, with Incheon Metropolitan City providing the
13 starting point; and

14 WHEREAS, The torch measures 700 mm in length, reflecting
15 PyeongChang's altitude of 700 meters above sea level; and

1 WHEREAS, The PyeongChang Olympic Winter Games will be held
2 for 17 days from February 9 through 25, 2018; and

3 WHEREAS, PyeongChang will be the stage for the opening and
4 closing ceremonies and most snow sports, while alpine speed
5 events will take place in Jeongseon, and ice sports will be held
6 in the coastal city of Gangneung; and

7 WHEREAS, The vision of the games is for the world's best
8 athletes to compete on Asia's center stage to launch new
9 horizons in winter sports and create a sustainable legacy for
10 Gangwon Province and the Republic of Korea; and

11 WHEREAS, The official emblem of the games symbolizes a world
12 open to everyone, combining the image of ice and snow, winter
13 sports stars and people from all over the world, coming together
14 in PyeongChang, where heaven meets earth; and

15 WHEREAS, The official mascot of the games, Soohorang, is a
16 white tiger, which has been long considered Korea's guardian
17 animal; and

18 WHEREAS, "Sooho," meaning protection in Korean, symbolizes
19 protection offered to the athletes, spectators and other
20 participants; "rang" comes from the middle letter of "Ho-rang-
21 i," the Korean word for "tiger," and is also the last letter of
22 "Jeong-seon A-ri-rang," a cherished traditional folk song of
23 Gangwon Province; and

24 WHEREAS, Athletes from across the world will converge in
25 PyeongChang to compete in 102 events in 15 sport disciplines,
26 including: alpine skiing, biathlon, bobsleigh, curling, cross-
27 country skiing, figure skating, freestyle skiing, ice hockey,
28 luge, Nordi combined, short track speedskating, skeleton, ski
29 jumping, snowboarding and speed skating; and

30 WHEREAS, Over 200 athletes from across the United States will

1 be traveling to PyeongChang to participate in the games,
2 including nine from this Commonwealth: Jamie Greubel Poser
3 (bobsled), Ryan Gunderson, Chad Kolarik, Brian O'Neill and Ryan
4 Zapolski (ice hockey), Summer Britcher, Andrew Sherk and Jayson
5 Terdiman (luge) and John-Henry Krueger (short track
6 speedskating); and

7 WHEREAS, The games will be the first ever to award over 100
8 gold medals to participants; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express its
10 unwavering support for the men and women of Team USA as they
11 compete in the pinnacle of sporting events at the XXIII Winter
12 Olympic Games in PyeongChang, Republic of Korea; and be it
13 further

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives express its
15 support for, and commend the preparation of, the Winter Olympic
16 Games' host city, PyeongChang, the host province, Gangwon, and
17 the host country, the Republic of Korea, a longtime ally and
18 friend of the United States of America.