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To express the sense of the House of Representatives that the Olympics in the Year 2000 should not be held in Beijing or elsewhere in the People's Republic of China

Whereas the International Olympic committee is now in the process of determining the venue of the Olympic Games in the year 2000;

Whereas the government of the city of Beijing and the People's Republic of China have made a proposal to the International Olympic Committee that the Summer Olympic in the year 2000 be held in Beijing;

Whereas the State Department's *Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 1992* specifies that the Chinese "government's human rights practice have remained repressive, falling far short of internationally accepted norms", "torture and degrading treatment of detained and imprisoned persons persisted", "conditions in all types of Chinese penal institutions are harsh and frequently degrading", and the Chinese "government still have not satisfactorily accounted for the thousands of persons throughout the country" who were arrested or held in "detention during the investigation" or "administrative detention" status for activities related to the "1989 pro-democracy demonstrations";

Whereas the Government of China has failed to respect civil liberties and, according to the State Department's *Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 1992*, "freedom of speech and self expression remain severely restricted";

Whereas the government of China has engaged in massive transfers of population in order to marginalize the Tibetans inside Tibet and has engaged in systematic suppression of the Tibetan people, their culture and religion;

Whereas the government of China has imposed tighter control over religious practice and engaged in greater repression of religion;

Whereas the government of China does not permit the establishment of independent Chinese organizations that publicly monitor or comment on human rights conditions in China, and the Chinese authorities have refused requests by international human rights delegations to meet with political prisoners and former detainees and have expelled foreign visitors who have indicated an interest in monitoring human rights conditions;

Whereas workers in China are denied the right to organize independently trade unions and to bargain collectively, and products manufactured by forced labor have been exported to the United States;

Whereas in the spring 1989, then Mayor of Beijing, Chen Xitong, called for a crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrators in Tiananmen Square, and on May 20, 1989, signed a martial law decree authorizing the entry of troops into the city;

Whereas Chen Xitong is currently chairman of the Beijing 2000 Olympic Bid Committee; and Mr. Chen has assured the International Committee in China's formal application, that "neither now, or in the future, will there emerge in Beijing organizations opposing Beijing's bid" to host the Olympics, thus boasting of the Chinese regime's determination to crush dissent; and

Whereas holding the Olympic games in countries, such as the People's Republic of China, which engages in massive violations of human rights serves to shift the focus from the high ideals behind the Olympic traditions and is counterproductive for the Olympic movement;

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved That the House of Representatives —

- 1) Strongly opposes the holding of the Olympic Summer Games in the year 2000 in the city of Beijing or elsewhere in the People's Republic of China and urges the International Olympic Committee to find another, more suitable venue for the Games;
- 2) Urges the United States Representatives to the International Olympic Committee to vote against holding the Olympic Summer Games in the year 2000 in the city of Beijing or elsewhere in the People's Republic of China; and
- 3) Directs the Clerk of the House of Representatives to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Chairman of the International Olympic Committee and to United States' representatives to the International Olympic Committee with the request that it be circulated to all members of the Committee.