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Calling on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to change the venue of the 2008 Olympic Games unless the People's Republic of China makes significant progress in ending human rights abuses.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TANCREDO (for himself and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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Whereas the Government of the People's Republic of China has a long-standing history of human rights abuses and repressive tactics;

Whereas China began a one-child policy in the late 1970s that has consistently been based on forced abortion and forced sterilization;

Whereas the United States has for the last three years prohibited United States funds for the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), charging that UNFPA's support

of China's population planning programs allows Beijing to implement its policies of coercive abortion;

Whereas according to the Department of State's Report to Congress on China's Birth Limitation Policy, dated July 15, 2004: "A new national Law on Population and Birth-Planning went into effect on September 1, 2002. This law codifies on a national basis, for the first time, China's long-standing 'one child policy' and specifies a number of government birth-limitation measures that amount to coercion.";

Whereas this report further states: "China continues to employ coercion in its birth planning program, including through severe penalties for 'out of plan births' . . . UNFPA continues its support and involvement in China's coercive birth limitation program in counties where China's restrictive law and penalties are enforced by government officials.";

Whereas women in China are required to obtain a birth permit from their work unit or local family planning office before "legally" becoming pregnant;

Whereas so-called "social compensation" fees, imposed by the Chinese Government for violating the one-child policy, range from the equivalent of one half the local average annual household income to as much as 10 times that level;

Whereas other coercive measures used to enforce China's one-child policy include loss of employment and cutting off state-funded health care benefits or education for "out of plan" children;

Whereas, despite the apparent attempt by China through its Law on Population and Birth-Planning to standardize

birth-control policies and reduce corruption and coercion, the Department of State continues to report that China's one-child family planning program remains a source of coercion, forced abortions, infanticide, and perilously imbalanced boy-girl ratios;

Whereas the Department of State further reports: "A high female suicide rate continued to be a serious problem. Many observers believed that violence against women and girls, discrimination in education and employment, the traditional preference for male children, the country's birth limitation policies, and other societal factors contributed to the especially high female suicide rate.";

Whereas other human rights abuses documented by the Department of State include instances of extrajudicial killings, torture and mistreatment of prisoners, forced confessions, arbitrary arrest and detention, lengthy incommunicado detention, and denial of due process;

Whereas human rights groups contend that traditional methods of execution are being replaced by mobile execution vans in which officials execute prisoners by lethal injection, harvest their organs without consent obtained prior to their execution, and then sell the organs for large amounts of money to foreign patients;

Whereas China engages in forced repatriation of North Korean refugees and seizing of humanitarian workers, despite China's knowledge that these refugees face imprisonment, torture, and even possibly execution upon their return to North Korea;

Whereas the July 2002 United States-China Economic and Security Review Commission report to Congress stated: "China is enhancing its capability to carry out attacks

across the Taiwan Strait with its special operations forces, air forces and navy and missiles forces.”;

Whereas China continues to threaten the security of Taiwan’s 23 million citizens by targeting Taiwan with approximately 500 ballistic missiles and refusing to renounce the use of force against Taiwan;

Whereas Chinese military officials declared in a December 2004 “White Paper” that China has “a sacred responsibility” to “crush” a free and democratic Taiwan “at any cost”;

Whereas China recently enacted a so-called “anti-secession law” authorizing force against the nation of Taiwan in violation of China’s promise to resolve cross-strait differences peacefully, which unilaterally changes the status quo and threatens security in the region;

Whereas in awarding the 2008 Olympic Games to China, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) deceived itself by believing that the Olympic Games would bring greater transparency to what China claims is its improving human rights record;

Whereas the Nazi propaganda machine proudly and arrogantly flaunted the 1936 Olympic Games as an example of the leadership of Adolf Hitler and his Nazi party, and the horrible miscalculation of the IOC lent credibility to a man and a regime that later slaughtered more than six million Jews; and

Whereas the IOC made the same mistake again forty-four years later by granting the 1980 Olympic Games to the Soviet Union, and on the eve of those games, the host country launched a war with Afghanistan: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That Congress—*

3 (1) recognizes the ongoing abuse by the Peo-
4 ple's Republic of China of the most basic of human
5 rights;

6 (2) requests the International Olympic Com-
7 mittee (IOC) to acknowledge that the egregious vio-
8 lations of human rights by China should prevent
9 China from hosting the 2008 Olympic Games; and

10 (3) calls on the International Olympic Com-
11 mittee to change the venue of the 2008 Olympic
12 Games unless China makes significant progress in
13 ending human rights abuses, including by—

14 (A) ending its one-child policy which re-
15 sults in forced abortions and sterilizations;

16 (B) halting its violent persecution of North
17 Korean refugees and releasing humanitarian
18 workers that it has jailed;

19 (C) discontinuing its intimidation of Tai-
20 wan's 23 million citizens;

21 (D) making public the number of execu-
22 tions that are carried out each year;

23 (E) halting the practice of parading pris-
24 oners through the streets prior to executing
25 them; and

(F) no longer holding public executions in stadiums filled with spectators, including those which schoolchildren are required to attend.

