

SCONRES 27

A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the 2008 Olympic Games should not be held in Beijing unless the Government of the People's Republic of China releases all political prisoners, ratifies the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and observes internationally recognized human rights.

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107 HCONRES 73	Identical bill	Jul 10, 2001: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E1295, H3809-3810)

Summary (as of Mar 21, 2001)

Supports the open letter released by Chinese dissidents and families of political prisoners stating that the release of China's political prisoners would improve Beijing's stature in its bid to host the 2008 Olympic Games.

Expresses the view that the International Olympic Committee should not award the 2008 Olympics to Beijing unless the Government of the People's Republic of China releases all political prisoners, ratifies the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), implements the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and observes internationally recognized human rights.

Calls for the creation of an international Beijing Olympic Games Human Rights Campaign in the event that Beijing receives the Olympics to focus international pressure on China to grant amnesty to all political prisoners before the Olympics commence.

Requests the President, during the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Leaders Summit, to call for the release of all Chinese political prisoners and Chinese ratification of the ICCPR.

Recommends that the Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China devote significant resources to monitoring any violations of the rights of political dissidents and prisoners or other increased human rights abuses in preparation for and during the 2008 Olympic Games.

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