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1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The 2018 Winter Olympics will be held in  
3 PyeongChang, Republic of Korea (South Korea) from February 9,  
4 2018 through February 25, 2018; and

5 WHEREAS, On July 6, 2011, the International Olympic  
6 Committee selected PyeongChang to host the XXIII Winter Games,  
7 over Munich, Germany and Annecy, France; and

8 WHEREAS, PyeongChang is going to present a relatively  
9 compact Olympics offering New Horizons, a legacy of new growth  
10 and potential for the Winter Olympics; and

11 WHEREAS, The mascot for these Olympics is based on the  
12 white tiger; the logo has its roots in the Hangul language,  
13 with the shape formed by the letters making up the first  
14 consonants of the word PyeongChang; the first character in the  
15 emblem also represents a gathering place where the three  
16 elements of Cheon-ji-in - heaven, earth, and human - are in  
17 harmony; the second character symbolizes snow and ice and the  
18 stellar performances of the athletes; and

19 WHEREAS, There will be 102 gold medals awarded at the 2018  
20 Winter Olympics, more than any other Winter Olympics; new  
21 events include Snowbird Big Air, Mixed Doubles Curling, Mixed

1 Alpine Skiing, and Mass Start Men's and Women's Speed Skating  
2 Events; and

3 WHEREAS, This resolution is supported by multiple  
4 organizations: the National Unification Advisory Council  
5 Chicago Chapter, the Chicago Korean American Chamber of  
6 Commerce, the Chicago Mother's Choir, the Korean American  
7 Association of Chicago, the Korean American Sports Association  
8 of Chicago, Korean American Voter Organizing Initiative &  
9 Community Empowerment, the Korean Cultural Center of Chicago,  
10 and the Midwest Chapter of the Korean American USA PyeongChang  
11 2018 Olympic Winter Games Committee; and

12 WHEREAS, The 2018 Winter Olympics in PyeongChang will be a  
13 milestone to bring peace to the Korean peninsula, reducing the  
14 rising tension over North Korea's nuclear pursuit; and

15 WHEREAS, The 2018 Winter Olympics in PyeongChang will be a  
16 point of tremendous pride for Korean Americans in Illinois and  
17 is an occasion that will promote unity and be remembered for  
18 many years to come; therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
20 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
21 hereby congratulate the Illinois Korean American Community and  
22 PyeongChang, Republic of Korea (South Korea) on hosting the

1 2018 Winter Olympics and we wish them a successful and peaceful  
2 Olympic games; and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to the National Unification Advisory Council Chicago  
5 Chapter, the Chicago Korean American Chamber of Commerce, the  
6 Chicago Mother's Choir, the Korean American Association of  
7 Chicago, the Korean American Sports Association of Chicago,  
8 Korean American Voter Organizing Initiative & Community  
9 Empowerment, the Korean Cultural Center of Chicago, and the  
10 Midwest Chapter of the Korean American USA PyeongChang 2018  
11 Olympic Winter Games Committee as an expression of our esteem  
12 and respect.