

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. RES. 697

Congratulating the people and Government of Italy, the Torino Olympic Organizing Committee, the International Olympic Committee, the United States Olympic Committee, the 2006 United States Olympic Team, and all international athletes upon the successful completion of the 2006 Olympic Winter Games in Turin, Italy.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 28, 2006

Mr. HYDE (for himself and Mr. LANTOS) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

Congratulating the people and Government of Italy, the Torino Olympic Organizing Committee, the International Olympic Committee, the United States Olympic Committee, the 2006 United States Olympic Team, and all international athletes upon the successful completion of the 2006 Olympic Winter Games in Turin, Italy.

Whereas from February 17 to February 26, 2006, Turin, Italy, hosted the 2006 Olympic Winter Games;

Whereas this is the third time Italy has hosted the Olympic Games, with the prior Winter Games having been held in 1956 in Cortina d'Ampezzo and the Summer Games having been held in 1960 in Rome;

Whereas the people of Turin and the surrounding Alpine areas have opened their hearts to the world, demonstrated their passions for sports, art, and culture, and strengthened the bonds between the city of Turin and the surrounding Alpine areas;

Whereas the city of Turin accommodated nearly 2,600 athletes, more than 2,700 trainers and escorts, 18,000 volunteers, 9,500 members of the media, and nearly one million spectators at seven competition sites and three Olympic villages;

Whereas, in light of a global terror threat, Italian authorities implemented extraordinary security measures and successfully coordinated the efforts of 10,000 police officers and 2,500 Italian military personnel, providing effective and efficient protection, while also ensuring a secure and stable environment for both athletes and spectators alike;

Whereas through the stewardship of the International Olympic Committee and the Torino Olympic Organizing Committee, athletes representing 80 different countries competed in 15 disciplines of winter sport with the spirit of mutual respect and understanding, furthering the Olympic legacy of “peace between nations, equality, fair play, loyalty and respect”;

Whereas well over 200 members of the United States Olympic Team participated in the Games and embodied the spirit of this Nation with resolve and determination and won 25 medals, including nine gold medals; and

Whereas more than 600 athletes from 41 countries will compete in the 2006 Paralympic Winter Games in March 2006 in Turin: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

1 (1) commends the people and Government of
2 Italy, and specifically the people of Turin and the
3 surrounding Alpine areas, the Torino Olympic Orga-
4 nizing Committee, and the International Olympic
5 Committee upon the successful completion of the
6 2006 Olympic Winter Games;

7 (2) congratulates the United States Olympic
8 Committee, the 2006 United States Olympic Team,
9 and all international athletes for their outstanding
10 performances at the 2006 Olympic Winter Games;

11 (3) expresses gratitude to the thousands of vol-
12 unteers and others who made the 2006 Olympic
13 Winter Games exciting, safe, and successful; and

14 (4) expresses support to the 2006 United
15 States Paralympic Team in the upcoming
16 Paralympic Winter Games.

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