H. Res. 188

In the House of Representatives, U. S.,

July 26, 1993.

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

Whereas the governments of the city of Beijing and of the People's Republic of China have made a proposal to the International Olympic Committee that the Summer Olympic Games 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 practices 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 has 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 prodemocracy 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, "free-

dom 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 has engaged in ongoing pervasive human rights abuses of women and children, including the use of forced abortion and involuntary sterilizations as part of China's one child per couple policy;

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 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 independent trade unions and to bargain collectively, and products manufactured by forced labor have been exported to the United States;

Whereas, in the spring of 1989, then mayor of Beijing, Chen Xitong, called for a crackdown on the 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 Olympic 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 engage in massive violations of human rights serves to shift the focus from the high ideals behind the Olympic tradition 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;

(2) urges the International Olympic Committee representative in the United States 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 International Olympic Committee representative in the United

States with the request that it be circulated to members of the Committee.

Attest:

Clerk.