

Date of Hearing: January 25, 2018

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, SPORTS, TOURISM, AND
INTERNET MEDIA

Kansen Chu, Chair

ACR 157 (Choi) – As Amended January 23, 2018

SUBJECT: Olympic Winter Games and Paralympic Winter Games in South Korea.

SUMMARY: Would strongly commend South Korea for hosting the XXIII Olympic Winter Games and the XII Paralympic Winter Games and would extend best wishes to South Korea for a safe and successful Olympic Winter Games and Paralympic Winter Games from the people of California and the Legislature, as well as welcoming North Korea's participation in the Olympic Winter Games which will lay the foundation for peace and harmony between the two countries and eventually contribute to world peace.

Specifically, **this Resolution makes the following findings:**

- 1) The XXIII Olympic Winter Games will take place from February 9 through February 25, 2018, in PyeongChang, South Korea.
- 2) The XII Paralympic Winter Games will take place from March 9 through March 18, 2018, in PyeongChang, South Korea.
- 3) South Korea is hosting the Olympic Winter Games and Paralympic Winter Games for the first time.
- 4) South Korea first hosted the Summer Olympic Games 30 years ago in 1988 with the successful XXIV Summer Olympics.
- 5) Heightened political and military tension continues to exist on the Korean Peninsula.
- 6) The Olympic Spirit is intended to promote peace and harmony throughout the world through international sports.
- 7) In the Olympic Spirit, South Korea and North Korea symbolically marched as one team at the opening ceremonies of the XXVII and XXVIII Olympic Games in 2000 and 2004 respectively, but competed separately.
- 8) South Korea and North Korea plan to march under a united flag at the opening ceremonies of the Winter Olympic Games in 2018 and will compete together on their first joint Olympic team.
- 9) PyeongChang, South Korea, is anticipated to host the largest number of participating countries in the history of the Olympic Winter Games.

FISCAL EFFECT: This measure is keyed non fiscal by the Legislative Counsel.

COMMENTS: According to the author, "Never before have the Winter Olympic and Paralympic games been hosted in South Korea. The goal of the Olympic Movement is to contribute to building a peaceful and better world by educating youth through sport practiced without discrimination of any kind, in a spirit of friendship, solidarity and fair play, and in this current geo-political climate the mission of these games are more paramount than ever. ACR 157 commends South Korea for hosting the XXIII Olympic Winter Games and XXII Paralympic Games and offers wishes for a safe and successful Olympic and Paralympic Games."

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

There is no support on file

Opposition

There is no opposition on file

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