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A R E S O L U T I O N

To support the City of Cleveland, Ohio, in its offer to 1
host the 2030 Special Olympics U.S.A. Games. 2

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
OHIO:**

WHEREAS, Special Olympics is a global sports movement that 3
unleashes the human spirit every day around the world through 4
the transformative power and joy of sport; and 5

WHEREAS, The Special Olympics U.S.A. Games celebrate 6
athletes with intellectual disabilities by focusing on 7
inclusivity, empowerment, and community through diverse sports 8
competitions and supportive programs; and 9

WHEREAS, The mission of Special Olympics is to provide 10
year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety 11
of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual 12
disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop 13
physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and 14

participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with 15
their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the 16
community; and 17

WHEREAS, The City of Cleveland is a top contender to host 18
the 2030 games; and 19

WHEREAS, The Special Olympics U.S.A. Site Selection 20
Committee has toured the city and the venues that would be 21
involved with hosting the games in 2030; and 22

WHEREAS, The final decision to be announced this spring is 23
down to Cleveland or Nashville; and 24

WHEREAS, The Greater Cleveland Sports Commission has 25
already recruited over 10,000 volunteers five years out; and 26

WHEREAS, The money raised already from corporate leaders, 27
over \$10 million, is unprecedented, and shows an extreme 28
commitment from the community; now therefore be it 29

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 30
Representatives of the 136th General Assembly of the State of 31
Ohio, support the City of Cleveland in its offer to host the 32
2030 Special Olympics U.S.A. Games; and be it further 33

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 34
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to Special 35
Olympics North America, 3712 Benson Dr., Raleigh, North Carolina 36
27609, and to the news media of Ohio. 37