

H. Res. 363

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

April 10, 2002.

Whereas the State of Utah hosted the world during the largest and most successful Olympic Winter Games ever held;

Whereas the people of Utah opened their hearts and their homes to the athletes of the world and represented the Nation well to the world community;

Whereas the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, its president, Mitt Romney, and its chairman, Robert Garff did a spectacular job in staging a great Winter Olympics with class, dignity, and a proper focus on the athletic competition;

Whereas 2,535 athletes, from a record 78 countries, prepared with unmatched dedication, competed with unrivaled courage, and inspired the world with their spirit of peaceful competition;

Whereas African-American and Mexican-American athletes won medals for the first time in Winter Olympics history;

Whereas over 500 athletes from 36 nations competed in the 2002 Paralympic Winter Games, also held in Salt Lake City, and reminded the world that physical challenges are no limit to human achievement;

Whereas the 211 members of the United States Olympic Team won a Winter Olympics record 34 medals, including a record 10 gold medals, and gave a grateful Nation

another new group of heroes at a time when the Nation has rediscovered the true meaning of heroism;

Whereas the silent heroes, over 7,000 members of Federal, State, and local law enforcement and public safety agencies, and over 5,400 brave members of the Armed Forces continued their selfless service to ensure the Winter Olympics were safe and secure for athletes and spectators alike;

Whereas over 19,500 Utahns and other United States citizens volunteered their time and talents to show the world the best that the United States has to offer; and

Whereas the 2002 Olympic Winter Games accomplished the principles set forth by the Olympic movement, including the aim to “encourage the Olympic spirit of peace and harmony, which brings the people from across the world together around Olympic sport”: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulates the people of Utah, the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, the United States Olympic Team, and the athletes of the world for an outstanding and inspiring 2002 Olympic Winter Games, and thanks the thousands of law enforcement and public safety personnel, military servicemen and women, and volunteers who contributed so much to ensure the Winter Olympics were safe, secure, and friendly.

Attest:

Clerk.