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February 2, 2007 – Introduced by Senators Plale, Breske, Darling, Coggs, Roessler, Miller, Sullivan, Carpenter, Wirch, Risser, Lassa and Lazich, cosponsored by Representatives Kreuser, Zepnick, Kleefisch, Richards, Montgomery, Sinicki, Newcomer, Berceau, A. Ott, Schneider, Stone, Sheridan, Jeskewitz, Ziegelbauer, Vos, Pocan, Petrowski, Hebl, Lothian, Turner, M. Williams, Boyle, Tauchen, Molepske, Hines, Fields, Hahn, Shilling, Honadel, Steinbrink and Black. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

Relating to: the 2016 Olympic Games being held in Chicago.

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Whereas, the Olympic Games are a major international sports and cultural festival that all citizens in the global community are invited to celebrate; and

Whereas, the city of Chicago, Illinois, has proposed hosting the summer Olympic Games in 2016, and in July 2006 the United States Olympic Committee selected Chicago as one of two United States Candidate City finalists for the 2016 Games; and

Whereas, 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 and in the Olympic spirit, which requires mutual understanding with a spirit of friendship, solidarity, and fair play; and

Whereas, the Chicago 2016 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games will use sport as a catalyst to strengthen the Olympic Movement and showcase the city's world class, accessible infrastructure, and enthusiastic multicultural community; and

Whereas, the Wisconsin legislature believes that the prospect of the city of
Chicago hosting the 2016 Olympic Games presents an incredible opportunity to
promote regional cooperation between Illinois, Wisconsin, and surrounding states;
and
Whereas, the state of Wisconsin would welcome Olympic athletes and visitors
to the state's beautiful rivers, lakes, state parks, and other attractions; and
Whereas, the Wisconsin legislature believes that the spirit, principles, and
ideals underlying the Olympic Games are beneficial to the citizens of this region,
athletic participants, their sponsoring countries, spectators, and observers around
the world; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature do hereby express support of the spirit, principles, and ideals embodied in the Olympic Charter and the development of community exemplified in the meeting of athletes from around the world at the Olympic Games; and

Be it further resolved, That the members of the Wisconsin legislature do fully support the city of Chicago in its continuing efforts to host the 2016 Olympic Games.

17 (END)