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**H O U S E   R E S O L U T I O N**

**EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS TORCH RELAY**

Introduced By: Representatives Serpa, Melo, Fellela, Carter, and Rice

Date Introduced: March 27, 2008

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, China has been granted the honor of hosting the 2008 Beijing Olympics  
2 with the provision that it improve its treatment of Chinese citizens; and

3           WHEREAS, The Olympic Charter calls for the Games to represent “respect for universal  
4 fundamental ethical principles and the harmonious development of man, with a view to  
5 promoting a peaceful society concerned with the preservation of human dignity. Any form of  
6 discrimination with regard to a country or a person on grounds of race, religion, politics, gender  
7 or other reason is inconsistent with membership in the Olympic Movement”; and

8           WHEREAS, The Human Rights Torch Relay is dedicated to ending human rights abuses  
9 by the Chinese government, re-establishing the mandate of the Olympic Charter, and preserving  
10 the true Olympic spirit; now, therefore be it

11           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
12 Providence Plantations hereby expresses strong support for the “Human Rights Torch Relay”; and  
13 be it further

14           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
15 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Al Iannotti.

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