

Introduced by Senator Mitchell

July 6, 2015

Senate Resolution No. 38—Relative to the 2015 Special Olympics World Games.

1 WHEREAS, The Special Olympics is a nonprofit organization
2 that serves over 4.4 million athletes around the world every year;
3 and
4 WHEREAS, The City of Los Angeles will serve as host to the
5 2015 Special Olympics World Games from July 25, 2015, through
6 August 2, 2015; and
7 WHEREAS, The City of Los Angeles will welcome more than
8 7,000 Special Olympics athletes from 170 nations to compete in
9 25 Olympic-type sports; and
10 WHEREAS, Leading up to the Opening Ceremony, an
11 international team of approximately 140 law enforcement runners
12 and Special Olympics athletes will carry a torch, known as the
13 “Flame of Hope,” throughout the state of California to spread the
14 message of Special Olympics; and
15 WHEREAS, The Flame of Hope’s journey will begin at the
16 State Capitol in Sacramento and will end at the Los Angeles
17 Memorial Coliseum in Los Angeles 13 days later; and
18 WHEREAS, The Flame of Hope will pass through scores of
19 cities, towns, and communities throughout California to promote
20 and celebrate the Special Olympics’ important message of
21 acceptance and inclusion worldwide; and
22 WHEREAS, The 2015 Special Olympics World Games unites
23 the world through sports in a celebration of the abilities and
24 accomplishments of people with intellectual and physical
25 disabilities; now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate
2 recognizes the honor and privilege for the State of California to
3 host the 2015 Special Olympics World Games; and be it further
4 *Resolved*, That the Senate welcomes and embraces all athletes
5 participating in the 2015 Special Olympics World Games; and be
6 it further
7 *Resolved*, That California state agencies and departments are
8 hereby encouraged to provide any necessary assistance and support
9 to ensure the safety and success of the 2015 Special Olympics
10 World Games; and be it further
11 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
12 this resolution to the Governor, and to the author for appropriate
13 distribution throughout the state.