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Senate Resolution No. 88—Relative to the International Olympic Commission.

1 WHEREAS, Dating back to 776 B.C., with a modern revival in
2 1896 A.D., the Olympic Games has long had a tradition of
3 competition, honor, and integrity that magnifies the ultimate in
4 human ideals and physical achievement; and

5 WHEREAS, The International Olympic Committee (IOC) is
6 the chief governing body that invites athletes from hundreds of
7 countries to participate in a quadrennial event in the summer and
8 winter, with 207 countries participating in the most recent Olympic
9 Games in Rio de Janeiro; and

10 WHEREAS, The IOC is charged with awarding thousands of
11 medals—gold, silver, and bronze—for hundreds of events, as well
12 as recognizing Olympic and world records set by competitors. To
13 date, 18,554 medals have been awarded by the IOC; and

14 WHEREAS, As a regulatory body, the IOC has established rules
15 and standards for competitors to adhere to, including policies
16 prohibiting cheating and the taking of performance-enhancing
17 substances; and

18 WHEREAS, Throughout its history, the IOC has reprimanded
19 participants who were found to be competing with the assistance
20 of performance-enhancing substances by stripping titles and medals
21 and properly recognizing their competitors who played by the
22 rules; and

23 WHEREAS, An especially egregious example occurred during
24 the 1976 Olympic Games, for which records recovered after the
25 fall of the Berlin Wall show that the East German women's swim

1 team was involved in a state-sponsored scheme for the use of
2 performance-enhancing substances, violating the integrity of the
3 competition and the rules of the IOC; and

4 WHEREAS, Because of the use by the East German female
5 swimmers of performance-enhancing substances, United States
6 swimmer Shirley Babashoff and other female swimmers from the
7 United States and other countries competing in those Games were
8 unfairly denied their medals and legitimate places in the record
9 books; and

10 WHEREAS, Forty years have passed since that scandal, and
11 another, successful Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro has now
12 concluded; now, therefore, be it

13 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California*, That the Senate
14 urges the International Olympic Committee to address this issue
15 and recognize the competitors who played by the rules in the 1976
16 Olympic Games with their rightful medals and places in the record
17 books; and be it further

18 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
19 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.