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## 1 House Resolution

2 A resolution encouraging the International Olympic  
3 Committee to recognize the Haudenosaunee Nationals as  
4 an independent lacrosse team and allow the team to  
5 participate in the 2028 Olympic Games in Los Angeles,  
6 California.

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8 WHEREAS, the Haudenosaunee Nationals is an indigenous  
9 sports organization that was formed and sanctioned by the  
10 sovereign Grand Council of the Haudenosaunee in 1983, and

11 WHEREAS, as the governing body for the entire confederacy,  
12 the Grand Council of the Haudenosaunee has sanctioned the  
13 Haudenosaunee Nationals to assemble teams that collectively and  
14 officially represent the Six Nations Haudenosaunee Confederacy  
15 in international lacrosse competition, and

16 WHEREAS, the Six Nations Haudenosaunee Confederacy consists  
17 of the Mohawk, Oneida, Cayuga, Seneca, Onondaga, and Tuscarora  
18 nations that were once commonly referred to as the Iroquois  
19 Nations, and

20 WHEREAS, the Six Nations Haudenosaunee Confederacy was  
21 founded before European Colonization, making it one of the first  
22 and most long-lasting participatory democracies in the world,  
23 and it was influential in the development of the United States  
24 Constitution, and

25           WHEREAS, the Six Nations Haudenosaunee Confederacy was  
 26 created as a way to unite the nations and instill a peaceful  
 27 means of decision making, united by a common goal to live in  
 28 peace, and

29           WHEREAS, the Six Nations Haudenosaunee Confederacy  
 30 maintains many ancient traditions, including the game of  
 31 lacrosse, which was created by the members of the confederacy  
 32 over 1,000 years ago, and

33           WHEREAS, the Haudenosaunee believe that the game of  
 34 lacrosse is a gift from the Creator to be used for enjoyment and  
 35 as spiritual "medicine," and is the Haudenosaunee's gift of  
 36 peace to the world, and

37           WHEREAS, today, the sport of lacrosse is one of the fastest  
 38 growing youth sports in the United States, and

39           WHEREAS, the sport of lacrosse was formally accepted and  
 40 debuted at the 2022 World Games in Birmingham, Alabama, and

41           WHEREAS, the Haudenosaunee Nationals played as an  
 42 independent team in the 2022 World Games after the Irish  
 43 national team voluntarily withdrew to allow the Haudenosaunee  
 44 Nationals to participate, and

45           WHEREAS, in October 2023, the International Olympic  
 46 Committee admitted lacrosse as an official Olympic sport to be  
 47 played in the 2028 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, California, and

48           WHEREAS, the Haudenosaunee Nationals have petitioned the  
 49 International Olympic Committee to be recognized as an

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50 independent team in the 2028 Olympic Games, but the Committee  
51 has not yet agreed, NOW, THEREFORE,

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53 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
54 Florida:

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56       That the Florida House of Representatives encourages the  
57 International Olympic Committee to recognize the Haudenosaunee  
58 Nationals as an independent lacrosse team and allow the team to  
59 participate in the 2028 Olympic Games in Los Angles California.