

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 844

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A RESOLUTION in support of the bid to host the 2030 Special Olympics USA Games in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, held every four years, the Special Olympics USA Games is a national athletic competition that celebrates inclusion, perseverance, health, and community through the power of sport; and

WHEREAS, the seventh edition of the Special Olympics USA Games, slated to be held during the last week of June 2030, will include some 6,000 Special Olympics athletes competing against each other before more than 100,000 spectators, creating an estimated \$70-million-dollar economic impact in the host city and state; and

WHEREAS, the 2030 Special Olympics USA Games will be broadcast nationally by ABC/ESPN, and this high-profile exposure will result in more than twelve billion gross media impressions for the games; and

WHEREAS, Special Olympics Tennessee is bidding to host the 2030 Special Olympics USA Games in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, in addition to increasing positive public awareness toward individuals with intellectual disabilities across the nation, the 2030 Special Olympics USA Games would provide a national platform to promote the Volunteer State and Music City USA; and

WHEREAS, Special Olympics athletes would enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime experience in Nashville, and holding the 2030 Special Olympics USA Games here would create an ongoing legacy to promote inclusion of individuals with intellectual disabilities in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Special Olympics will select the host city for the 2030 games by December 1, 2024, and it is thus imperative that we expeditiously affirm this General Assembly's support of this worthy project; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this General Assembly expresses its support of Special Olympic Tennessee's bid to host the 2030 Special Olympics USA Games in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to Special Olympics Tennessee.