

1 HJR247  
2 159018-2  
3 By Representative Nordgren  
4 RFD: Rules  
5 First Read: 27-FEB-14

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2       ENROLLED, House Joint Resolution,

3                   URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PASS A BILL TO  
4 EXEMPT THE VALUE OF ANY MEDAL AWARDED IN AN OLYMPIC GAME TO AN  
5 OLYMPIC MEDALIST, OR ANY PRIZE MONEY RECEIVED BY AN OLYMPIC  
6 MEDALIST FROM THE UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNT  
7 OF COMPETITION IN THE OLYMPIC GAMES.

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9                   WHEREAS, a bill is pending in the United States  
10 Congress that would provide that the gross income of an  
11 Olympic medalist's gross income may not include the value of  
12 any medal awarded in, or any prize money received from, the  
13 United States Olympic Committee on account of competition in  
14 the Olympic Games; and

15                   WHEREAS, the United States Olympic Committee awards  
16 U.S. athletes \$25,000 for winning gold, \$15,000 for silver,  
17 and \$10,000 for bronze, amounts that the committee has not  
18 increased for several years; these amounts, plus the value of  
19 the medals themselves, are taxable winnings under current law;  
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21                   WHEREAS, Americans for Tax Reform has argued in  
22 favor of a change to the tax code to exempt Olympic athletes;  
23 the group has estimated that winning the gold could result in  
24 a tax burden as high as \$9,000; and

1                   WHEREAS, a United States Senator said, ". . . the  
2 Olympics are unique, with U.S. athletes volunteering to  
3 represent the country, and that success should be celebrated,  
4 not taxed"; now therefore,

5                   BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
6 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we urge the United States  
7 Congress to pass a bill to exempt the value of any medal  
8 awarded in an Olympic game to an Olympic medalist, or any  
9 prize money received by an Olympic medalist from the United  
10 States Olympic Committee on account of competition in the  
11 Olympic Games.

12                  BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this  
13 resolution be provided to each member of the Alabama  
14 Delegation to Congress for further distribution to each member  
15 of Congress.

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4 Speaker of the House of Representatives

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6 President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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8 I hereby certify that the within Act originated in  
9 and was adopted by the House 01-APR-14.

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16 Senate

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