other than James Mullen as first choice to head the school. Building a school from the ground had been his ambition, and he quickly acquiesced to return to his adopted hometown. Because of the strong foundation laid by James and others, Rice Belt still stands as a model institution for continuing education.

James is probably most proud of his long marriage to Mary Helen, and his children: Terry Mullen of Canyon Lake, Texas and Steve Mullen of Burleson, Texas.

James H. Mullen is an educator, advisor and friend to many. He has dedicated his life to serving his fellow citizens as a leader in both his profession and his community, and he deserves our respect and gratitude for his priceless contributions. On behalf of the Congress, I extend congratulations and best wishes to my good friend James H. Mullen, on his successes and achievements.

WE MUST NOT REWARD CHINESE TYRANNY BY GIVING THE OLYMPICS TO BEIJING

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Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call the attention of my colleagues to a powerful testimonial that appeared in today's Wall Street Journal by three human rights heroes, Wei Jingsheng, Vladimir Bukovsky, and Gerhard Loewenthal who are united in opposition to China's bid to host the 2008 Summer Olympics. The authors are witnesses to and victims of human rights violations by three of the most brutal regimes of recent history, Communist China, the Soviet Union, and Nazi Germany. In the article, they urge the International Olympic Committee (IOC), when it votes on the host city for the 2008 Olympics in Moscow this Friday, July 13th, to avoid the shameful decision of two past IOC's to award the games to totalitarian states—Germany in 1936, and the Soviet Union in 1980.

The Chinese leadership in Beijing has argued strenuously that ''politics'' should be kept out of the IOC's decision. They assert that the potential candidates should only be judged by their ability to build a new sports facility, construct a new subway stop or erect more shining hotels. But focusing on bricks and mortar—and turning a blind eye to the egregious human rights violations taking place every day in China—does not remove politics from the Olympics. It simply permits a brutal regime to exploit the Olympics to prop up its faltering legitimacy—as Nazi Germany did in 1936 and the Soviet Union did in 1980—by basking in the reflected glow of the Summer Games.

Four months ago, I was joined by my colleagues from California, Mr COX and Ms. PELOSI, and by Mr. WOLF from Virginia in introducing H. Con. Res. 73, which expresses strong opposition to Beijing's Olympic bid due to China's horrendous human rights record. This resolution was overwhelmingly approved by the International Relations Committee on March 27th by a vote of 27–8. Unfortunately, the leadership has failed to schedule a vote on the resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that the entire article ''Don't Reward Beijing's Tyranny,'' by Wei Jingsheng, Vladimir Bukovsky, and Gerhard Loewenthal and published in the July 10th edition of The Wall Street Journal be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. I urge my colleagues to consider the poignant testimony provided in this article to the tragic human suffering that was contributed to by granting the Olympics to Nazi Germany in 1936 and the Soviet Union in 1980. In the hope of preventing a similar travesty in 2008, I call on the leadership to immediately schedule a vote on H. Con. Res. 73. The House must be given an opportunity to express its views on this critical moral issue.

DON'T REWARD BEIJING'S TYRANNY

Wei Jingsheng, Vladimir Bukovsky and Gerhard Loewenthal

The International Olympic Committee should not offer the 2008 Olympic Games to the one-party dictatorship of the Chinese government. Such a decision would not only be harmful to the interests of the Chinese people, but it could also threaten the interests of China's neighbors and ultimately world peace. That's hardly what the Olympic spirit is all about. The IOC offered the 1936 games to Nazi Germany. Adolf Hitler and his party exploited that opportunity to fan their political fanaticism, and ultimately initiated a war that caused tens of millions of deaths. Although the Olympic Games were not the cause of World War II, they were indeed one of the tools Hitler used for his purposes. Does the IOC feel no shame for offering the games to a regime that killed six million Jews and many millions more? I, Gerhard Loewenthal, am one of the witnesses and victims of that tragedy.

The IOC offered the 1980 games to the Communist Soviet Union, which cruelly oppressed its own people and the Eastern Europeans, and sought control of the rest of the world too. The Soviet Communist Party used the games as an opportunity to shore up faith in their system. Moscow also started a war in Afghanistan that resulted in many Soviet and Afghan deaths. Only the effort and unity of various peace-loving parties turned back that aggression and stopped the spread of the war. Does the IOC feel regret for helping the Soviet dictators? I, Vladimir Bukovsky, witnessed the disaster of the former Soviet Union and the Eastern European countries.

Apparently ignorant of history, the IOC may now be on the verge of giving the Chinese Communist dictatorship the honor of hosting the 2008 Olympic Games. The Chinese Communist government is already using this opportunity to whip up extreme nationalism and fanaticism in China, in an effort to encourage and prepare for military aggression that could threaten China's neighbors and ultimately world peace.

Beijing will surely use this opportunity to oppress those Chinese who fight for human rights and democracy. This oppression will delay China's democratic progress and extend the life of a dictatorial and corrupt government. I, Wei Jingsheng, have seen what the Chinese people have had to suffer for the last half century. I protest the wrongful deaths of 80 million Chinese under the Communists. I do not want to see more disasters in the future.

All three of us are pleading with you, the members of the IOC, to cast your votes for the 2008 host city with your conscience, to avoid the regret you may have when the future replays the nightmares we had.

Mr. Wei spent 18 years in Chinese prison for dissident activity. Mr. Bukovsky spent 12 years in Soviet prison for opposing the government. Mr. Loewenthal, a Jew, is a German TV journalist and a concentration camp survivor.