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Committee of 100 Statement on the 2008 Beijing Olympics

(New York, NY)-The Committee of 100, a national organization of prominent Chinese-Americans, has issued the following statement regarding its position on the 2008 Beijing summer Olympic games:

The Committee of 100 wishes to express its support for the 2008 Olympic Games and President Bush's acceptance of President Hu Jintao's invitation to attend the Games. As American citizens of Chinese descent, we believe this decision has been and will continue to be warmly received by the Chinese people.

The Olympic Games bring countries and athletes together in the spirit of friendship and comity. The Olympic tradition is to foster athletic competition, while building understanding and respect among individuals and nations, wholly apart from political considerations.

China's selection as host for the 2008 Olympics has already led to a more open, internationally-oriented spirit in China and has accelerated China's integration into the global community. This integration is particularly important, as the world's leaders come together to address common interests in trade, counter-terrorism, nuclear non-proliferation, environment, scarce resources and infectious disease.

The U.S.-China relationship is critical, not only to these two countries, but also to the world at large. Ongoing engagement has proven effective in securing China's commitment to reform and to becoming a responsible stakeholder in the world community. . Although US and China's interests may differ at times, we note that cooperation and mutual respect between the world's oldest standing democracy and the world's most populous country is essential if we are to meet the challenges of the 21st Century

Founded in 1989 by prominent Chinese Americans, the Committee of 100 is an independent, non-partisan, non-profit membership organization composed of Chinese American leaders in a broad range of professions. With their knowledge and experience, they have committed to a dual mission: (1) encouraging stronger relations between the U.S. and Greater China and (2) encouraging the full participation of Chinese Americans in all aspects of American life. For more information, please visit our web site: www.committee100.org.

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