

Legislation Text

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Honoring and congratulating Pennsylvania athletes Summer Britcher, Andrew Heo, and Brian O'Neill, and wishing them well as they compete with Team USA at the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing.

WHEREAS, Summer Britcher of Glen Rock, PA is a world-renowned Luge competitor who will be competing in her third Olympic Games in 2022. She has previously represented Team USA in the 2018 Olympics in Pyeongchang and the 2014 Olympics in Sochi. During her Olympic appearance in 2018, she placed 19th, and currently holds the track record for her second run that year. She is also the all-time leader in USA luge singles history. She placed 15th overall in the 2014 Olympics in Sochi. In addition to her Olympic history, Britcher has competed in the world championships six times between 2015 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Heo of Warrington, PA is making his first Olympic appearance in Short Track Speedskating this year. Andrew began skating when he was seven years old at the urging of his family and has competed in speedskating throughout his life. He is currently ranked near the top 50 skaters and has competed on various noteworthy teams since 2018. Andrew also competed in the speedskating world championships in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Brian O'Neill of Yardly, PA is making his second Olympic Appearance on Team USA Hockey in 2022. Currently, O'Neill is a forward on USA Hockey, and he previously placed 7th at the 2018 Olympic Games in Pyeongchang. In addition to his international Olympic career, he has competed on Team Jokerit with the Kontinental Hockey League, with The Albany Devils in the American Hockey League, and with the New Jersey Devils in the National Hockey League. While competing for Yale University, O'Neill finished his college playing career with 163 points in 138 games with the team. His overall career highlights include AHL Most Valuable Player and All-Star in 2015 and Ivy League Player of the Year in 2012; and

WHEREAS, Each of these talented local area athletes have earned the opportunity to shine an international spotlight. The hard work and dedication of the Pennsylvania Olympians from Team USA should be honored and congratulated; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Honors and congratulates Summer Britcher, Andrew Heo, and Brian O'Neill, and wishes them luck as they represent the United States and Pennsylvania in Beijing at the 2022 Winter Olympic Games.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to these Olympians as a sign of the sincere respect and admiration of this legislative body.