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Olympic Gold Medalist Henry Cejudo Travels to Denmark in Support of Chicago's Bid for the 2016 Olympics

Scottsdale, AZ, October 1, 2009 – Olympic gold medalist [Henry Cejudo](#) will be on hand October 2nd in Copenhagen, Denmark when President Obama leads the [U.S. Olympic Committee](#) delegation's bid for the 2016 games to be held in Chicago. Due to his dedication, experience, and remarkable gold medal win, Cejudo was recently appointed as an Athlete Ambassador to the [Chicago 2016 Olympic Committee](#) and its legacy organization, [World Sport Chicago](#). As an Athlete Ambassador, Cejudo stays very actively involved, and often acts as a spokesperson on behalf of the committee.

As the youngest American to bring home the Olympic gold in freestyle wrestling, Cejudo is no stranger to foreign competition. Despite his young age, this seasoned champion has been competing internationally for over a decade. Armed with knowledge beyond his years, and unwavering dedication, Cejudo continues to be a strong source of support for the U.S Olympic bid.

As a member of the Chicago 2016 Olympic Committee, Cejudo recently had the privilege of meeting with [President Obama](#), who has long been a supporter of Chicago's bid. "Meeting with President Obama in the Oval Office on behalf of Chicago 2016 was a once in a lifetime experience. Words cannot express how excited I am that President Obama himself will appear before the International Olympic Committee to lobby for Chicago", states Cejudo.

Cejudo went on to say, "This is the first time in history that a U.S. president has made such a commitment in support of the U.S. Olympic bid. I am thrilled that I will be present in Denmark during the bidding process. I strongly feel that President Obama, who is highly respected internationally, will give the U.S. a competitive edge while competing with Rio de Janeiro, Madrid and Tokyo for the games."

Along with President Obama, Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, Spanish King Juan Carlos, Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, and new Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama will be in Copenhagen lobbying for their countries. An elite group of supporters assembled by Chicago's host committee will also be in attendance. Those supporters include First Lady [Michelle Obama](#), Oprah Winfrey, as well as over twenty five Olympic and Paralympic athletes.

On October 2nd, representatives from each country will be given the opportunity to present their bid for the 2016 games to the International Olympic Committee. After all of the bids have been presented and considered, the committee will announce the 2016 host city. The official announcement will be followed by a press conference and the signing of host city contract.

For additional information on Henry Cejudo's American Victory Book Tour, please visit www.henrycejudo.com. We also welcome fans to follow Henry on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). Fans can also view the latest video footage of Henry Cejudo on [You Tube](#).

About Henry Cejudo

Henry is the son of Mexican immigrants. The youngest of six children, Henry's early childhood was spent moving from state to state as a result of his family's hardships and circumstances. Henry eventually settled in Phoenix, Arizona. Fortunately, the hardships encountered during his childhood motivated Henry to focus his full attention and efforts on school and athletics. By the time Henry had reached Maryvale High School in Phoenix, Arizona, he was dominating local competition. After Henry won his second state wrestling championship in Arizona, he was approached to go to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado where he could train with future Olympic hopefuls.

Henry made the decision to relocate to Colorado and follow his dreams of becoming an Olympic Champion. Mirroring his accomplishments in Arizona, he added two state wrestling championships to his record while attending Coronado High in Colorado Springs. Upon graduating, Henry began training full time at the Olympic Training Center to prepare for the 2008 Olympic Games. Henry Cejudo went on to win the gold in Beijing, becoming the youngest American to win a gold medal in wrestling.

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