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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The Executive Board of the International Olympic  
3 Committee has proposed eliminating the sport of wrestling from  
4 the Summer Olympic Games beginning in 2020; the proposal  
5 remains to be approved or disapproved by the full Committee at  
6 its September 2013 general assembly; and

7           WHEREAS, Wrestling was one of the original sports of the  
8 ancient Greek Olympic Games and of the first modern Olympic  
9 Games; and

10           WHEREAS, Wrestling has been a traditional strength of the  
11 United States Olympic team; 124 medals have been awarded to the  
12 United States throughout the history of the Olympic Games; and

13           WHEREAS, The sport of wrestling builds great strength, not  
14 only of body, but also of character; wrestling also helps to  
15 instill the virtues of self-confidence, self-discipline,  
16 courage, and sportsmanship; and

17           WHEREAS, Wrestling has produced many outstanding national  
18 leaders, including Presidents, United States Supreme Court  
19 Justices, United States Senators, members of Congress, and  
20 business and military leaders, as well as many outstanding  
21 leaders in the State of Illinois; and

1           WHEREAS, There are thousands of student athletes in the  
2 State of Illinois that participate in wrestling at the high  
3 school and collegiate level; and

4           WHEREAS, Many of these young Illinoisans dream of  
5 representing the United States on the international stage at  
6 the Olympic Games and would be on the cusp of realizing their  
7 Olympic dreams in 2020, when the International Olympic  
8 Committee is set to remove one of the most time-honored,  
9 traditional sporting events not only on the Summer Olympics  
10 Program, but in the history of sport; therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
12 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
13 we urge the International Olympic Committee to reinstate  
14 wrestling as a core sport of the Summer Olympic Games; and be  
15 it further

16           RESOLVED, That we thank the United States Olympic Committee  
17 for its continued support of wrestling and urges it to work  
18 actively toward the reinstatement of Olympic wrestling; and be  
19 it further

20           RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
21 delivered to Richard Bender, Executive Director of USA

1 Wrestling; James Considine, Illinois State Director of USA  
2 Wrestling; and the United States Olympic Committee.