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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is home to thousands of
3 collegiate and professional wrestling athletes and many that
4 advance to national and international competition; and

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WHEREAS, The United States is a key competitor in
6 international wrestling competition, especially the Olympic
7 Games, with 124 medals having been awarded to the United States
8 throughout history; and

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WHEREAS, The sport of wrestling is fundamentally important
10 to the success of the United States in overall Olympic Games
11 competition; and

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WHEREAS, Greco-Roman wrestling has been part of Olympic
13 competition since 1896; and

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WHEREAS, Wrestling is a foundational activity for Illinois
15 youth and overall economic activity, which is made more robust
16 by the ultimate potential for Olympic success; therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we oppose the
19 International Olympic Committee ruling that freestyle and
20 Greco-Roman wrestling not be included in the 25 athletic

1 competitions of the Olympics Games, given the immense local and
2 global impact that ruling will have; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
4 delivered to the International Olympic Committee.