

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 71

Opposing the International Olympic Committee's decision to eliminate wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games beginning in 2020.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 14, 2013

Mr. LOEBSACK (for himself, Mr. JORDAN, Mr. WALZ, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Mr. KING of Iowa, and Mr. LATHAM) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

RESOLUTION

Opposing the International Olympic Committee's decision to eliminate wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games beginning in 2020.

Whereas wrestling is recognized as one of the world's oldest competitive sports dating back to 3000 BC;

Whereas wrestling was one of the original sports of the ancient Greek Olympic Games and of the first modern Olympic Games;

Whereas wrestling is one of the world's most diverse sports, with participants from almost 200 countries around the world;

Whereas over 280,000 high school students in the United States participated in wrestling in 2012;

Whereas there are over 300 intercollegiate wrestling programs in the United States;

Whereas wrestling represents the determination and hard work it takes to succeed in life and sport;

Whereas the United States has a long, proud, and storied Olympic wrestling history; and

Whereas wrestling epitomizes the spirit of the Olympic Games: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) opposes the decision of the International
3 Olympic Committee to eliminate wrestling from the
4 Summer Olympic Games beginning in 2020;

5 (2) thanks the United States Olympic Com-
6 mittee for their continued support of wrestling and
7 encourages them to work actively to reverse this de-
8 cision; and

9 (3) urges the International Olympic Committee
10 to reinstate wrestling as a core sport of the Summer
11 Olympic Games.

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