

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

4 HOUSE CONCURRENT
5 RESOLUTION 1013

By: Denney of the House

and

Halligan of the Senate

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 A Concurrent Resolution opposing the recommendation
11 to eliminate wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games;
12 thanking the United States Olympic Committee and USA
13 Wrestling for supporting wrestling and encouraging
14 members to work to reverse this decision; urging
15 International Olympic Committee to reinstate
16 wrestling as a core sport of the Summer Olympic
17 Games; and directing distribution.

18 WHEREAS, wrestling is recognized as one of the world's oldest
19 competitive sports dating back to 3000 BC; and

20 WHEREAS, wrestling was one of the original sports of the ancient
21 Greek Olympic Games and of the first modern Olympic Games; and

22 WHEREAS, Oklahoma's wrestling history represents the greatest in
23 the land with a total of 64 Olympians, 12 Olympic coaches, and 13
24 Olympic champions who are either native Oklahomans or
representatives of one of our state collegiate wrestling programs;
and

1 WHEREAS, wrestling is one of the world's most diverse sports,
2 with male and female participants from 177 countries around the
3 world; and

4 WHEREAS, wrestling embodies the determination, discipline and
5 hard work it takes to succeed in life and sport; and

6 WHEREAS, wrestling epitomizes the spirit of the Olympic Games.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
8 OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
9 CONCURRING THEREIN:

10 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature opposes the recommendation of the
11 International Olympic Committee Executive Board to eliminate
12 wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games beginning in 2020.

13 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature thanks the United States Olympic
14 Committee and USA Wrestling for their continued support of wrestling
15 and encourages its members to work actively to reverse this
16 decision.

17 THAT the Oklahoma Legislature urges the International Olympic
18 Committee to reinstate wrestling as a core sport of the Summer
19 Olympic Games.

20 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Lee Roy Smith,
21 Executive Director of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

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23 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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