

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

4 HOUSE
5 RESOLUTION 1018

 By: Denney

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8 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

21 WHEREAS, Oklahoma's wrestling history represents the greatest in
22 the land with a total of 64 Olympians, 12 Olympic coaches, and 13
23 Olympic champions who are either native Oklahomans or
24 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:

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

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

17 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives urges the
18 International Olympic Committee to reinstate wrestling as a core
19 sport of the Summer 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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