

# Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE

RESOLUTION NO. 1018

By: Denney, Armes, Banz, Bennett, Biggs, Billy, Blackwell, Brown, Brumbaugh, Cannaday, Casey, Christian, Cleveland, Cockroft, Condit, Coody, Cooksey, Cox, Dank, Derby, DeWitt, Dorman, Echols, Enns, Fisher, Floyd, Fourkiller, Glenn, Grau, Hall, Hamilton, Hardin, Henke, Hickman, Hoskin, Hulbert, Inman, Jackson, Johnson, Jordan, Joyner, Kern, Kirby, Kouplén, Lockhart, Martin (Scott), Martin (Steve), Matthews, McBride, McCall, McCullough, McDaniel (Curtis), McDaniel (Jeannie), McDaniel (Randy), McNiell, McPeak, Moore, Morrissette, Mulready, Murphey, Nelson, Newell, Nollan, O'Donnell, Ortega, Osborn, Ownbey, Perryman, Peterson, Pittman, Proctor, Pruett, Quinn, Renegar, Reynolds, Ritze, Roberts (Dustin), Roberts (Sean), Rousselot, Russ, Sanders, Schwartz, Scott, Sears, Shannon, Shelton, Sherrer, Shoemake, Smalley, Stiles, Thomsen, Trebilcock, Turner, Vaughan, Virgin, Walker, Watson, Wesselhoft, Williams, Wood and Wright

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, wrestling epitomizes the spirit of the Olympic Games.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

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

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

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives urges the International Olympic Committee to reinstate wrestling as a core sport of the Summer Olympic Games.

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

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 8th day of May, 2013.



Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 9th  
day of May, 20 13, at 10:08 o'clock A. M.  
By: Chris Morris