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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
JUNE 12, 2014

A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating Pennsylvania wrestlers for their performance in
2 the USA Wrestling 2014 Asics National Open Championships.

3 WHEREAS, USA Wrestling, the national governing body of the
4 great Olympic sport of wrestling, hosted the 2014 Asics Open
5 Wrestling Championships consisting of the U.S. Senior Open,
6 Junior National Championships, Veterans National Championships
7 and other events on April 19, 2014, in Las Vegas, Nevada; and

8 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania, long a powerhouse in scholastic,
9 collegiate and international wrestling, was well represented at
10 the 2014 USA Wrestling National Open Championships; and

11 WHEREAS, The USA Wrestling 2014 Asics National Open
12 Championships, which was all the more notable because the
13 Honorable Peter J. Wirs of the Pennsylvania Wrestling Club,
14 Philadelphia, made international sports history by becoming the
15 oldest person, at 59 years of age, to step onto an Olympic-
16 sanctioned wrestling mat for his very first competitive bout in
17 the Veterans Division, Class E, 85 Kg, Freestyle; and

18 WHEREAS, Jake Varner of the Nittany Lions Wrestling Club,

1 State College, continued his extraordinary career by winning the
2 gold medal in the Seniors Division, 97 Kg, Freestyle, while
3 teammate David Taylor won a silver medal in the Seniors
4 Division, 74 Kg, Freestyle, in a thrilling bout against reigning
5 Olympic gold medalist Jordan Burroughs, 7-6; and

6 WHEREAS, The Nittany Lions Wrestling Club's Edward Ruth won a
7 bronze medal and Quentin Wright placed 7th in the Seniors
8 Division, 86 Kg, Freestyle, while David Zabriskie of Lehigh
9 Valley Athletic Club, Bethlehem, placed 6th in the Seniors
10 Division, 96 Kg, Freestyle, and teammate Zachery Rey placed 4th
11 at 125 Kg, Freestyle; and

12 WHEREAS, Mark Marshall, of Latrobe, and Eduard Aliakseyenka,
13 of Philadelphia, each won the gold medal by technical fall in
14 the Veterans Division, at Class D, 97 Kg, Freestyle, and Class
15 C, 85 Kg, Freestyle, respectively; and

16 WHEREAS, Mohammad Taheri, of the Pennsylvania Wrestling Club,
17 placed 5th in the Veterans Division, Class E, 85 Kg, Freestyle
18 and 4th in the Greco-Roman Division; and

19 WHEREAS, Zain Retherford of the Nittany Lions Wrestling Club
20 won the silver medal in the Junior Division, 66 Kg, Freestyle,
21 while teammates Cody Law placed 7th in 70 Kg, Freestyle, and
22 Garrett Hammond placed 8th in 74 Kg, Freestyle; and

23 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania was not represented in the Women's
24 Senior Division nor in the Women's Greco-Roman Division, a
25 matter which all Pennsylvania wrestling clubs are dedicated to
26 resolving in future competition; therefore be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives extend its
28 deepest appreciation and fullest congratulations to each of the
29 wrestlers who, through exemplary dedication and discipline,
30 represented this Commonwealth at the USA Wrestling 2014 Asics

1 National Open Championships in wrestling, mankind's oldest and
2 most demanding of all athletic competitions; and be it further
3 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution congratulating each
4 wrestler be provided to the wrestlers' respective clubs.