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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE RESOLUTION

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YAW, APRIL 9, 2013

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REFERRED TO RULES AND EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS, APRIL 9, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

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

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

6 WHEREAS, Wrestling was one of the original sports of the  
7 ancient Greek Olympic games and of the first modern Olympic  
8 games; and

9 WHEREAS, Wrestling is one of the world's most diverse sports,  
10 with participants from almost 200 countries around the world;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Over 280,000 high school students in the United  
13 States participated in wrestling in 2012; and

14 WHEREAS, There are over 350 intercollegiate wrestling  
15 programs in the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, Wrestling represents the determination and hard work  
17 it takes to succeed in life and sport; and

1 WHEREAS, More than 9,500 high school students representing  
2 496 high schools from across this Commonwealth participated in  
3 wrestling competitions during the 2011-2012 school year; and

4 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is nationally recognized for its  
5 wrestling tradition and has produced Olympians, NCAA National  
6 Champions and more NCAA All-Americans than any other state; and

7 WHEREAS, The United States has a long, proud and storied  
8 Olympic wrestling history; and

9 WHEREAS, Wrestling epitomizes the spirit of the Olympic  
10 games; therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Senate:

12 (1) disagree with the decision of the International  
13 Olympic Committee's Executive Committee to eliminate  
14 wrestling as a core sport from the Summer Olympic Games  
15 beginning in 2020;

16 (2) thank the United States Olympic Committee for its  
17 continued support of wrestling and encourage the United  
18 States Olympic Committee to work actively to reverse this  
19 decision; and

20 (3) call upon the International Olympic Committee to  
21 reconsider reinstating wrestling as a core sport of the  
22 Summer Olympic Games.