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**Representative Stinziano**

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**RESOLUTION**

To urge the International Olympic Committee Executive Board to reverse its decision to remove wrestling as an Olympic core sport and to urge the U.S. Olympic Committee to work actively to reverse the Board's decision to remove wrestling from the Summer Olympics beginning in 2020.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

WHEREAS, Wrestling is a sport that epitomizes the Olympic spirit of competitiveness and sportsmanship. Wrestling represents the determination and hard work that it takes to succeed in life as well as sports; and

WHEREAS, Wrestling was one of the original sports in the ancient Greek Olympiads as well as the first modern Olympic Games

in 1896. Because wrestling is recognized as one of the world's 13  
oldest competitive sports dating back to 3000 B.C., wrestling 14  
events deserve to be revered as a time-honored tradition at the 15  
international competition level; and 16

WHEREAS, The sport of wrestling remains a significant 17  
component in the lives of many Ohioans. There are more than 11,000 18  
high school wrestlers in the State of Ohio alone. In addition, 19  
four Ohio universities have NCAA Division 1 wrestling programs; 20  
and 21

WHEREAS, The decision of the International Olympic Committee 22  
Executive Board to remove wrestling as an Olympic core sport and 23  
thus remove it from the Summer Olympic Games beginning in 2020 24  
threatens the potential successes of young Ohio athletes who have 25  
trained their minds and bodies in the hopes of competing in the 26  
Olympic Games, a supreme achievement for athletes. Aspirations of 27  
wrestling on the Olympic stage are crucial to coaches and student 28  
athletes participating on school wrestling teams and in 29  
organizations such as the Ohio Regional Training Center; now 30  
therefore be it 31

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 32  
Representatives of the 130th General Assembly of the State of 33  
Ohio, in adopting this resolution, strongly urge the International 34  
Olympic Committee Executive Board to reverse its decision to 35  
eliminate wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games beginning in 36  
2020 and reinstate wrestling as a core sport of the Summer Olympic 37  
Games; and be it further 38

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 39  
Representatives of the 130th General Assembly of the State of 40  
Ohio, strongly urge the U.S. Olympic Committee to work actively to 41  
reverse the International Olympic Committee Executive Board's 42  
decision to remove wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games 43  
beginning in 2020; and be it further 44

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives	45
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the	46
members of the International Olympic Committee Executive Board,	47
the members of the U.S. Olympic Committee, and the news media of	48
Ohio.	49