

House Resolution No. 6020

By Committee on Federal and State Affairs

3-19

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

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

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

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

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

12 WHEREAS, There are over 300 intercollegiate wrestling programs in
13 the United States; and

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

16 WHEREAS, The United States has a long, proud and storied Olympic
17 wrestling history; and

18 WHEREAS, Wrestling epitomizes the spirit of the Olympic games:
19 Now, therefore,

20 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*
21 That we oppose the decision of the International Olympic Committee to
22 eliminate wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games beginning in 2020;
23 and

24 *Be it further resolved:* That we thank the United States Olympic
25 Committee for their continued support of wrestling and encourage them
26 to work actively to reverse this decision; and

27 *Be it further resolved:* That we urge the International Olympic
28 Committee to reinstate wrestling as a core sport of the Summer Olympic
29 Games; and

30 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of
31 Representatives shall send one copy of this resolution to the United States
32 Olympic Committee and one copy of this resolution to the International
33 Olympic Committee.