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3 By Senator Waggoner
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8 URGING THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE TO
9 CONTINUE THE SPORT OF WRESTLING AS A CORE SPORT OF THE SUMMER
10 OLYMPIC GAMES.

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12 WHEREAS, the Executive Board of the International
13 Olympic Committee has proposed eliminating the sport of
14 wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games beginning in 2020,
15 which proposal remains to be approved or disapproved by the
16 full committee at its September 2013 general assembly; and

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

20 WHEREAS, wrestling has been a traditional strength
21 of the United States Olympic team, with 124 medals having been
22 awarded to the United States throughout the history of the
23 modern games; and

24 WHEREAS, the sport of wrestling builds great
25 strength not only of body, but also of character, including,
26 the virtues of self-confidence, self-discipline, courage, and
27 sportsmanship; and

1 WHEREAS, wrestling has produced many outstanding
2 national leaders, including Presidents, United States Supreme
3 Court Justices, United States Senators, Members of Congress,
4 and business and military leaders, as well as many outstanding
5 civic leaders; and

6 WHEREAS, wrestling provides mainstream opportunities
7 to athletes of all physical builds and body sizes, including
8 blind, deaf, and physically handicapped student athletes who
9 may not otherwise have the opportunity to participate in
10 athletics; now therefore,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
12 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we urge the International
13 Olympic Committee to continue the sport of wrestling as a core
14 sport of the Summer Olympic Games.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we thank the United
16 States Olympic Committee for its support of wrestling, and
17 urge the committee to work actively toward maintaining Olympic
18 wrestling.