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3 By Senator Waggoner
4 RFD: Rules
5 First Read: 04-APR-13

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4 ENROLLED, SJR60,

5 URGING THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE TO
6 CONTINUE THE SPORT OF WRESTLING AS A CORE SPORT OF THE SUMMER
7 OLYMPIC GAMES.

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

14 WHEREAS, wrestling was one of the original sports of
15 the ancient Greek Olympic Games and of the first modern
16 Olympic Games; and

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

21 WHEREAS, the sport of wrestling builds great
22 strength not only of body, but also of character, including,
23 the virtues of self-confidence, self-discipline, courage, and
24 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.

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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I hereby certify that the within Senate Joint Resolution
originated in and was adopted by the Senate.

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Patrick Harris
Secretary

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House of Representatives

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Adopted: 25-APR-13

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