

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. _____

Expressing the sense of the Senate in disapproving the proposal of the International Olympic Committee Executive Board to eliminate wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games beginning in 2020.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate in disapproving the proposal of the International Olympic Committee Executive Board to eliminate wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games beginning in 2020.

Whereas wrestling is recognized as one of the world's oldest competitive sports dating back to 3000 BC;

Whereas wrestling was one of the original sports of the ancient Greek Olympic Games and of the first modern Olympic Games;

Whereas wrestling is one of the world's most diverse sports, with participants from almost 200 countries around the world;

Whereas over 280,000 high school students in the United States participated in wrestling in 2012;

Whereas there are over 300 intercollegiate wrestling programs in the United States;

Whereas wrestling represents the determination and hard work it takes to succeed in life and sport;

Whereas the United States has a long, proud, and storied Olympic wrestling history; and

Whereas wrestling epitomizes the spirit of the Olympic Games: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) thanks the United States Olympic Com-
3 mittee for its continued support of wrestling and en-
4 courages it to work actively to reverse the proposal
5 of the International Olympic Committee Executive
6 Board to eliminate wrestling from the Summer
7 Olympic Games beginning in 2020;

8 (2) disapproves the proposal of the Inter-
9 national Olympic Committee Executive Board to
10 eliminate wrestling from the Summer Olympic
11 Games beginning in 2020; and

12 (3) urges the International Olympic Committee
13 Executive Board to reinstate wrestling as a core
14 sport of the Summer Olympic Games.