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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 219 Session of  
2013

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READSHAW AND KULA, APRIL 8, 2013

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
APRIL 8, 2013

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A RESOLUTION

1 Opposing the International Olympic Committee's decision to  
2 eliminate wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games beginning  
3 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  
7 ancient Greek Olympic games and of the first modern Olympic  
8 games; and

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

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

14 WHEREAS, There are over 350 intercollegiate wrestling  
15 programs in the United States; and

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

3       WHEREAS, More than 9,500 high school students representing  
4 496 high schools from across this Commonwealth participated in  
5 wrestling competitions during the 2011-2012 school year; and

6       WHEREAS, Pennsylvania is nationally recognized for its  
7 wrestling tradition and has produced Olympians, NCAA National  
8 Champions and more NCAA All-Americans than any other state; and

9       WHEREAS, The United States has a long, proud and storied  
10 Olympic wrestling history; and

11       WHEREAS, Wrestling epitomizes the spirit of the Olympic  
12 games; therefore be it

13       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives:

14           (1) disagree with the decision of the International  
15 Olympic Committee's Executive Committee to eliminate  
16 wrestling as a core sport from the Summer Olympic Games  
17 beginning in 2020;

18           (2) thank the United States Olympic Committee for their  
19 continued support of wrestling and encourage them to work  
20 actively to reverse this decision; and

21           (3) call upon the International Olympic Committee to  
22 reconsider reinstating wrestling as a core sport of the  
23 Summer Olympic Games.