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H.R. No. 1846

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Greco-Roman and freestyle wrestling were recently
2 dropped from the Summer Games as of 2020 in a stunning decision by
3 the International Olympic Committee; and

4 WHEREAS, One of the earliest and most elemental Olympic
5 sports, wrestling made its first appearance at the ancient Olympic
6 Games in 708 B.C. and has been part of modern Olympic competition
7 since 1896; the sport is well-established in the athletic culture
8 of the United States, which has won 124 Olympic medals over the
9 years; and

10 WHEREAS, The State of Texas is home to thousands of young
11 wrestlers, many of whom advance to national and international
12 competition; some 350 high school programs represent more than
13 10,000 athletes, and over 400 wrestling clubs engage more than
14 4,000 children from ages 6 to 14; in addition, numerous college
15 athletes compete for The University of Texas at Austin, Texas A&M
16 University, and other institutions; and

17 WHEREAS, From November to May each year, Texas hosts hundreds
18 of local and regional meets, including qualifiers to national
19 competition; these events have a positive impact on the state's
20 economy, and the prospect of participating athletes reaching the
21 Olympics contributes significantly to the vitality of these
22 tournaments; and

23 WHEREAS, The removal of wrestling from the Olympic Games will
24 have an adverse effect on the sport while diminishing the global

1 appeal of the games themselves and eroding an important link to
2 their earliest history; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
4 Legislature hereby express its opposition to the decision of the
5 International Olympic Committee to omit freestyle and Greco-Roman
6 wrestling from the Olympic Games beginning in 2020; and, be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That the chief clerk forward an official copy of
9 this resolution to the International Olympic Committee.