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2013 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 39

May 31, 2013 – Introduced by Representatives Kuglitsch, Kaufert, Kestell, Suder, Brooks, Hulsey, Kapenga, T. Larson, Murphy, Ripp, Sinicki, Spiros, Tauchen, Thiesfeldt, Murtha, Kooyenga, Tittl, Wright and Vruwink, cosponsored by Senators Tiffany, Lazich, Grothman, Hansen, Lassa, Schultz and L. Taylor. Referred to Committee on Rules.

Relating to: requesting the International Olympic Committee to keep wrestling in 1 2 the Olympic Games. 3 Whereas, the executive board of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) reviewed 26 sports on its summer program and decided to cut wrestling, stunning 4 5 the world's wrestlers, who see their sport as popular and steeped in history as old as 6 the Olympics themselves; and 7 Whereas, while wrestling will be included at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de 8 Janeiro, it will not be included in the 2020 Olympic Games; and 9 Whereas, the executive board of the IOC voted after reviewing an IOC program 10 commission report that analyzed 39 criteria, including TV ratings, ticket sales, global participation, and popularity; and 11 12 Whereas, according to IOC documents, wrestling ranked "low" in several of the

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1	Whereas, the decision to phase out wrestling will have a detrimental impact on
2	many teams around the world, including the United States, whose wrestling medals
3	are only outnumbered by medals for swimming and track and field; and
4	Whereas, wrestling is also one of the most popular youth sports in the United
5	States, with nearly 275,000 competitors from 2010 to 2011; and
6	Whereas, Wisconsin has a rich tradition of wrestling excellence and has
7	produced many Olympic medalists; and
8	Whereas, wrestling is a diverse, popular, and historic sport, and it is fitting and
9	proper that the IOC keep wrestling in the Olympic Games after the 2016 Olympics
10	in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; now, therefore, be it
11	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the
12	legislature strongly urge the International Olympic Committee to keep wrestling in
13	the Olympic Games after the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; and, be it
14	further
15	Resolved, That the assembly chief clerk is authorized and directed to transmit
16	a copy of this resolution to the executive board of the International Olympic
17	Committee.

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