



2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 37

May 30, 2013 – Introduced by Senators TIFFANY, LAZICH, GROTHMAN, HANSEN, LASSA, SCHULTZ and L. TAYLOR, cosponsored by Representatives KUGLITSCH, KAUFERT, KESTELL, SUDER, BROOKS, HULSEY, KAPENGA, T. LARSON, MURPHY, RIPP, SINICKI, SPIROS, TAUCHEN, THIESFELDT, MURTHA, KOOYENGA, TITTL and WRIGHT. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** requesting the International Olympic Committee to keep wrestling in
2 the Olympic Games.

3 Whereas, the executive board of the International Olympic Committee (IOC)
4 reviewed 26 sports on its summer program and decided to cut wrestling, stunning
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,
11 global participation, and popularity; and

12 Whereas, according to IOC documents, wrestling ranked “low” in several of the
13 technical criteria; and

