

## Senate Resolution 523

By: Senators McKoon of the 29th, Dugan of the 30th, Hill of the 32nd, Wilkinson of the 50th, Miller of the 49th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Requesting the support toward the reinstatement of wrestling in the Olympic Games from  
2 the International Olympic Committee and the United States Olympic Committee; and for  
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Executive Board of the International Olympic Committee has proposed  
5 eliminating the sport of wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games beginning in 2020; and

6 WHEREAS, the proposal remains to be approved or disapproved by the full committee at  
7 its September 2013 general assembly; and

8 WHEREAS, wrestling was one of the original sports of the ancient Greek Olympic Games  
9 and of the first modern Olympic Games; and

10 WHEREAS, wrestling has been a traditional strength of the United States Olympic team,  
11 with 124 medals having been awarded to the United States throughout history; and

12 WHEREAS, the sport of wrestling builds great strength not only of body, but also of  
13 character, including the virtues of self-confidence, self-discipline, courage, and  
14 sportsmanship; and

15 WHEREAS, wrestling has produced many outstanding national leaders, including Presidents,  
16 United States Supreme Court Justices, members of Congress, and business and military  
17 leaders, as well as many outstanding leaders in Georgia; and

18 WHEREAS, it provides mainstream opportunities to athletes of all physical builds and body  
19 sizes, including the visually impaired, hearing impaired, and otherwise physically challenged  
20 student athletes who may not otherwise have the opportunity to participate in athletics; and

21 WHEREAS, the Senate and House of Representatives passed resolutions in the 2007 to 2008  
22 Regular Session calling for the expansion of collegiate wrestling programs in Georgia; and

23 WHEREAS, according to the National Federation of State High School Associations, as of  
24 2011 Georgia was one of the top ten states for high school wrestling, with approximately  
25 8,500 high school students in Georgia participating in the sport; and

26 WHEREAS, many of these young Georgians dream of representing the United States on the  
27 international stage at the Olympic Games.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
29 request that the International Olympic Committee reinstate wrestling as a core sport of the  
30 Summer Olympic Games and that the United States Olympic Committee continue to support  
31 wrestling and work actively toward the reinstatement of Olympic wrestling.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
33 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the International Olympic Committee  
34 and to the United States Olympic Committee.