

## Senate Resolution 11 - Introduced

### SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 11

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1 A Resolution opposing the decision of the International  
2 Olympic Committee to end wrestling as an Olympic  
3 event.

4 WHEREAS, the sport of wrestling, which combines both  
5 freestyle and Greco-Roman events, goes back to the  
6 first modern Olympics in Athens in 1896; and

7 WHEREAS, over the last century, wrestling expanded  
8 to feature 344 athletes competing in 11 medal events  
9 in freestyle and seven in Greco-Roman at the London  
10 Olympics, and women's wrestling was added at the 2004  
11 Athens Games; and

12 WHEREAS, Iowa has a rich heritage in the sport  
13 of wrestling at all levels, including a premier high  
14 school program and the world-class collegiate programs  
15 at Iowa State University, the University of Iowa, and  
16 the University of Northern Iowa; and

17 WHEREAS, Dan Gable won three state championships at  
18 Waterloo West High School and then wrestled at Iowa  
19 State where he won multiple national championships and  
20 later won Olympic gold, thereafter becoming a coaching

1 legend at the University of Iowa and at the 1980, 1984,  
2 and 2000 Olympics; and

3 WHEREAS, Jake Varner, a former Iowa State wrestler,  
4 won gold at the 2012 London Olympics; and

5 WHEREAS, the action of the International Olympic  
6 Committee threatens the future of a sport practiced  
7 for three millennia and threatens the future of Iowa's  
8 college and high school wrestling programs, which have  
9 been carefully developed over the last 50 years; NOW  
10 THEREFORE,

11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate  
12 opposes the action of the International Olympic  
13 Committee to end wrestling as an Olympic event and  
14 urges that body to reconsider its action.