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| 1 | AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 169 |
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| 2 | AMENDMENT NO Amend House Resolution 169 by replacing |
| 3 | everything after the heading with the following: |
| 4 | "WHEREAS, The executive board of the International Olympic |
| 5 | Committee (IOC) reviewed 26 sports on its summer program and |
| 6 | decided to eliminate wrestling as an Olympic sport, stunning |

9 WHEREAS, While wrestling will be included at the 2016 10 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, it will not be included in the 2020 11 Olympic Games; and

steeped in history as old as the Olympics themselves; and

the world's wrestlers, who see their sport as popular and

12 WHEREAS, The executive board of the IOC voted after 13 reviewing an IOC program commission report that analyzed 39 14 criteria, including TV ratings, ticket sales, global 15 participation, and popularity; and

- WHEREAS, According to IOC documents, wrestling ranked 1
- 2 "low" in several of the technical criteria; and
- 3 WHEREAS, The decision to phase out wrestling will have a
- detrimental impact on many teams around the world, including 4
- the United States, whose wrestling medals are only outnumbered 5
- 6 by swimming and track and field; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Wrestling is also one of the most popular youth
- 8 sports in the United States, with nearly 275,000 competitors
- from 2010 to 2011; and 9
- 10 WHEREAS, Wrestling is a diverse, popular, and historic
- 11 sport, and it is fitting and proper that the IOC keep wrestling
- in the Olympic Games after the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, 12
- Brazil; therefore, be it 13
- 14 RESOLVED, ΒY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ΟF THE
- 15 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
- we request that the IOC revisit the decision to drop wrestling 16
- 17 from the Olympic Games after the 2016 Games in Rio de Janeiro,
- 18 Brazil, and urge the IOC to keep wrestling as an Olympic sport;
- and be it further 19
- 20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be

- 1 delivered to Richard Bender, Executive Director of USA
- 2 Wrestling; James Considine, Illinois State Director of USA
- Wrestling; and the United States Olympic Committee.". 3