

Rep. Hooker offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 78.

A resolution to oppose the International Olympic Committee's decision to eliminate wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games and to urge its reinstatement.

Whereas, Wrestling is recognized as one of the world's oldest competitive sports dating back to 3,000 B.C. It was one of the original sports of the ancient Greek Olympic Games and of the first modern Olympic Games; and

Whereas, Wrestling is one of the world's most diverse sports, with participants from almost 200 countries around the world. In the United States, over 280,000 high school students participated in wrestling in 2012, and there are over 300 intercollegiate wrestling programs. As a result, the United States has a long, proud, and storied Olympic wrestling history; and

Whereas, Michigan colleges, universities, and Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) member schools have a long history of wrestling competition; and

Whereas, With its history and high participation rates, there are few sports, if any, that better epitomize the spirit of the Olympic Games than wrestling. It represents the determination and hard work it takes to succeed in life and sport. Despite this, the International Olympic Committee voted to drop wrestling as a core Olympic sport beginning in 2020; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we oppose the International Olympic Committee's decision to eliminate wrestling from the Summer Olympic Games and we urge the committee to reinstate wrestling as a core sport of the Summer Olympic Games; and be it further

Resolved, That we encourage the United States Olympic Committee to work actively to reverse this decision; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the United States Olympic Committee and the International Olympic Committee.