

Washington, DC – Today, Congressmen Tim Walz (MN-01), Dave Loeb sack (IA-02) and Jim Jordan (OH-04) introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives expressing their opposition to the International Olympic Committee’s decision to drop wrestling as a core sport. A similar resolution will be introduced in the Senate by Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH).

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“I am disappointed by the IOC’s decision to eliminate wrestling from the Olympic Games. Minnesota has a storied and rich wrestling heritage. This is especially true in southern Minnesota where wrestling gives students the confidence, courage, and work ethic it takes to be successful not only in the sport, but also in life. I urge the IOC to reconsider their decision and reinstate wrestling as a core sport of the Summer Games,” **said Congressman Tim Walz.**

“The decision by the International Olympic Committee to drop wrestling is baffling. The history of collegiate and Olympic wrestling runs through Iowa. From Dan Gable and Tom Brands to Cael Sanderson and Jake Varner, Iowa has represented the sport with determination and the hard work it takes to succeed in life and sport. I will continue to work with my colleagues to change this ruling on behalf of Iowa’s, and America’s, storied wrestling history,” **said Congressman Dave Loeb sack.**

“Wrestling defines the Olympic spirit like no other sport. The IOC got this one dead wrong, and their decision threatens to extinguish the dreams of countless American athletes. I look forward to working with my friends in the wrestling community toward reversing this ruling,” **said Congressman Jim Jordan.**

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