

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Cornell University student-athlete Kyle Dake upon becoming the first collegiate wrestler to win four NCAA Division I titles in four different weight classes

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the State of New York who, by achieving outstanding success in athletic competition, have inspired and brought pride to their school and community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Cornell University student-athlete Kyle Dake upon becoming the first collegiate wrestler to win four NCAA Division I titles in four different weight classes; and

WHEREAS, Cornell University senior Kyle Dake defeated David Taylor of Penn State, 5-4, in their 165-pound title showdown, making him the first four-time NCAA champion to capture wrestling crowns in four different weight categories; he captured the win on the single point he earned with an advantage of more than a minute in riding time in the final period; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Kyle Dake became just the third four-time champion in Division I wrestling; he won his first three NCAA titles at 141, 149 and 157 pounds, and this season, he moved up to 165; and

WHEREAS, Kyle Dake, the son of Doug and Jodi Dake, is a product of Lansing, New York; and

WHEREAS, Kyle Dake's undefeated senior year record of 37-0 is outstanding; he was loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Kyle Dake has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of his school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Cornell University student-athlete Kyle Dake upon becoming the first collegiate wrestler to win four NCAA Division I titles in four different weight classes; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kyle Dake.