

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring student-athlete Nick Gwiazdowski upon the occasion of becoming the first Capital Region wrestler to win an NCAA Division I Wrestling title

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, Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the value of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Nick Gwiazdowski upon the occasion of becoming the first Capital Region wrestler to win an NCAA Division I title on Saturday, March 22, 2014, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Duanesburg High School, Nick Gwiazdowski wrestled at Binghamton University in his freshman year, before transferring to North Carolina State to follow coach Pat Popolizio; and

WHEREAS, As a redshirt sophomore at North Carolina State, Nick Gwiazdowski upset the two-time defending champion 4-2 to win the NCAA Division I Heavyweight Wrestling title; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this esteemed young man was named ACC Wrestler of the Year, and finished sixth for the NCAA's Most Dominant Wrestler Award after tallying more wins than any other wrestler in the country; and

WHEREAS, Nick Gwiazdowski's record of 42-2, including a 20-match winning streak is outstanding, and 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 Nick Gwiazdowski has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of his community and school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate student-athlete Nick Gwiazdowski upon the occasion of becoming the first Capital Region wrestler to win an NCAA Division I Wrestling title, and to wish him the best in all of his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Nick Gwiazdowski.