LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Schreiber High School student-athletes Sam Goldman and Elmer Mendez upon the occasion of capturing the Nassau County Wrestling Championships in the 126-pound and 220-pound 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, 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 congratulate Schreiber High School student-athletes Sam Goldman and Elmer Mendez upon the occasion of capturing the Nassau County Wrestling Championships in the 126-pound and 220-pound weight classes; and

WHEREAS, Senior Captains Sam Goldman and Elmer Mendez became the first Schreiber High School Wrestling Team members to be crowned Nassau County Champions in 38 years; and

WHEREAS, A champion wrestler in the 126-pound weight class, Sam Goldman is a four-time scholar-athlete, three-time all-conference and three-time all-county athlete; he was also awarded the News12 Scholar Athlete Award and one of Nassau County's top scholarship awards for student-athletes; and

WHEREAS, Elmer Mendez is a champion wrestler in the 220-pound weight class; he earned a trip to the New York State Wrestling Championships, and will continue his wrestling career at the State University of New York at Brockport in the fall; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by these two standout athletes is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Anthony Schettino, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The overall record of these two fine wrestlers is outstanding, and they were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of Sam Goldman and Elmer Mendez, from the opening match of the season to participation in the Championships, were prime examples of athletic ability, of good sportsmanship, of honor and of scholarship, demonstrating that these two student-athletes are second to none; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, Sam Goldman and Elmer Mendez have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coach Anthony Schettino and these two outstanding athletes have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Schreiber High School student-athletes Sam Goldman and Elmer Mendez and Coach Anthony Schettino on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sam Goldman, Elmer Mendez, and Coach Anthony Schettino.