

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating student-athlete James Nicholas upon the occasion of winning the 2015 New York State Public High School Athletic Association Golf Championship

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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the young people of 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 fully in accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate student-athlete James Nicholas on winning the 2015 New York State Public High School Athletic Association Golf Championship on Monday, June 1, 2015, at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York; and

WHEREAS, James Nicholas, a senior at Scarsdale High School, captured his first New York State Public High School Athletic Association Golf Title with a tremendous performance culminating in even-par score of 71 which gave him a one-stroke victory over the second place finisher; and

WHEREAS, In addition, James Nicholas was featured on the ESPN Sportscenter Top Ten Plays for making a shot onto the green while standing inside a water hazard; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable young man's overall record is outstanding, and he was loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, A five-time all-state athlete in three different sports, James Nicholas has brought honor to himself and to his family, school, and community and may stand with pride in his achievements, experiencing the satisfaction of his labors and the joy of his accomplishments, eager to face the challenge of new experiences as he continues his education and athletic career; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and James Nicholas has 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 student-athlete James Nicholas on winning the 2015 New York State Public High School Athletic Association Golf Championship, and to wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James Nicholas.