

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Hunter Richard upon the occasion of capturing the 152-pound Division II Wrestling Title at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Wrestling Championships

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 Hunter Richard upon the occasion of capturing the 152-pound Division II Wrestling Title at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Wrestling Championships on Saturday, February 25, 2017, at the Times Union Center in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, A senior at Holland Patent High School in Holland Patent, New York, Hunter Richard won his third consecutive state crown with an impressive 4-1 victory over his opponent from Phoenix High School in the Division II final; and

WHEREAS, Hunter Richard finished his season 47-0, with 31 pins, and for his career, 265 wins, and 25 loses; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this exceptional young man is due in great part to the efforts of his father and coach John Richard, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, Hunter Richard's overall record is outstanding, and he was loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, Hunter Richard has proven himself to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on his school; and

WHEREAS, Coach John Richard has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring this gifted young grappler toward his goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Hunter Richard 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 Hunter Richard upon the occasion of capturing the 152-pound Division II Wrestling Title at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Wrestling Championships; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted Hunter Richard and Coach John Richard.