

**BY:** Senator LARKIN

**CONGRATULATING** Michael LoBiondo upon the occasion of winning a gold medal at the Hudson Valley Winter Erg Sprints

**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 have inspired and brought pride to their community by achieving outstanding success in athletic competition; and

**WHEREAS,** Athletic competition helps to enhance both the moral and physical development of young athletes, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the importance of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Michael LoBiondo upon the occasion of winning a gold medal at the Hudson Valley Winter Erg Sprints; to the praise and applause of his excited fans, he outrowed several other competitors to take gold in the boys middle school rowing event; and

**WHEREAS,** A member of the Newburgh Rowing Club, Michael LoBiondo was one of over 370 athletes from 19 rowing clubs from Orange, Ulster and Dutchess counties who participated in the Hudson Valley Winter Erg Sprints at the West Point Boathouse in Kingston, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice; Michael LoBiondo's dedication to competitive rowing is a year-round, everyday commitment; he is highly focused and has developed a matchless work ethic; and

**WHEREAS,** Michael LoBiondo's exemplary athleticism is reflective of his dedication, determination and personal commitment; his accomplishments stand as a hallmark of what is best in the families, clubs and communities across New York State; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Michael LoBiondo upon the occasion of winning a gold medal at the Hudson Valley Winter Erg Sprints; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael LoBiondo.