

**BY:** Senator TEDISCO

**CONGRATULATING** Tyler Barnes upon the occasion of capturing the 170-pound Division I wrestling title at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Wrestling Championships on February 25, 2017

**WHEREAS,** Individual and team championships are highly sought after in high school sports; this Legislative Body commends rare athletic achievements and pays special recognition to those who pursue such excellence and become examples for the youth of this great Empire State; 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 Tyler Barnes upon the occasion of capturing the 170-pound Division I 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,** Following in his father's footsteps, Tyler Barnes has diligently worked his whole high school career for this pinnacle moment; a junior at Ballston Spa High School in Ballston Spa, New York, he was proudly crowned the school's first wrestling State Champion; and

**WHEREAS,** In front of a capacity crowd and a fan base of more than 40 people from his community, Tyler Barnes earned a 5-2 win over the number three seed from John Glenn High School; and

**WHEREAS,** During the title match, this talented young athlete had a late 3-2 lead, then secured a final takedown with about 40 seconds left; after he won, he threw his anklets in the air, put on his stylish black glasses and enjoyed the deafening applause from the crowd; and

**WHEREAS,** In a sport such as wrestling, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Harvey Staulters worked hard to hone the skills of this champion, teaching this outstanding athlete lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the mat; and

**WHEREAS,** Tyler Barnes has clearly utilized dedication, determination and teamwork in providing a lasting 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 Tyler Barnes upon the occasion of capturing the 170-pound Division I 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 to Tyler Barnes and Coach Harvey Staulters.