

BY: Senator TEDISCO

CONGRATULATING Stevo Poulin upon the occasion of capturing the 106-pound Division I wrestling title at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Wrestling Championships on February 23, 2019

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 Stevo Poulin upon the occasion of capturing the 106-pound Division I wrestling title at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Wrestling Championships on Saturday, February 23, 2019, at the Times Union Center in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Since a young age, Stevo Poulin has diligently worked for this pinnacle moment; as a sophomore at Shenendehowa High School in Clifton Park, New York, he was proudly crowned Division I's 106-pound wrestling State Champion; and

WHEREAS, In front of a capacity crowd and a fan base of family, friends and teammates, Stevo Poulin earned a 4-3 decision win over Minisink Valley freshman Zach Ryder to claim the title; and

WHEREAS, Stevo Poulin has also earned accolades at the national level, garnering a number one ranking by **Wrestling USA Magazine** and InterMat Wrestling; and

WHEREAS, Stevo Poulin capped his second varsity season with an impressive overall record of 44-0, and his second consecutive state championship; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as wrestling, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Rob Weeks 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, Stevo Poulin has clearly utilized dedication, determination and teamwork in providing a lasting 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 Stevo Poulin upon the occasion of capturing the 106-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 Stevo Poulin, Shenendehowa Head Coach Rob Weeks and Athletic Director Chris Culnan.