

BY: Senator JACOBS

CONGRATULATING Bailey Crouse upon the occasion of capturing the 138-pound wrestling title at the inaugural NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Invitational Tournament on February 16, 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 Bailey Crouse upon the occasion of capturing the 138-pound wrestling title at the inaugural NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Invitational Tournament on Saturday, February 16, 2019, at Niagara County Community College in Sanborn, New York; and

WHEREAS, The tournament featured 50 exceptional female wrestlers from across the State of New York; a standout wrestler for the Tonawanda High School Team, Bailey Crouse was proudly crowned the first ever girls 138-pound wrestling State Champion; and

WHEREAS, In front of a capacity crowd and a fan base of family, friends and teammates, Bailey Crouse pinned both a Grand Island High School senior in 53 seconds and a LeRoy High School senior in 28 seconds; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as wrestling, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Coaches Dan Bishop and Jordan McGregor 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, Bailey Crouse has clearly utilized dedication, determination and teamwork in providing a lasting contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of her school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Bailey Crouse upon the occasion of capturing the 138-pound wrestling title at the inaugural NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Invitational Tournament on February 16, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Bailey Crouse, and Coaches Dan Bishop and Jordan

McGregor .