

BY: Senator BRESLIN

CONGRATULATING the Albany Academy Boys Swimming and Diving Team upon the occasion of achieving 1st Place in Small School Rankings

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Albany Academy Boys Swimming and Diving Team upon the occasion of achieving 1st Place in Small School Rankings; and

WHEREAS, The Albany Academy Boys Swimming and Diving Team had a truly extraordinary season, achieving 4,466 points, the highest Power Point total in team history; furthermore, they broke 19 out of 24 school pool records, and in addition, tied or broke Section 2 records for 200 Medley Relay and 200 Freestyle Relay; and

WHEREAS, This impressive team has four Academic All-American students, as well as four Section 2 Scholar-Athlete Finalists; with a combined average GPA of 3.564, the Albany Academy Boys Swimming and Diving Team is a Silver Level National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association of America (NISCA) Scholar Team; and

WHEREAS, In sports such as swimming and diving, which demand discipline, concentration and agility, Head Coach Scott Young worked hard to hone the skills of this team, teaching these outstanding athletes lessons which will prove invaluable both in and out of the pool; and

WHEREAS, Coach Scott Young and all the outstanding athletes on the Albany Academy Boys Swimming and Diving Team have 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 the members of the Albany Academy Boys Swimming and Diving Team: Bryce Henkel, Ian Young, Filip Carroll, Bennett de Wolf, Zain Jafri, Jack Slote, Silas Strich, Ivan Young, Jr., Alex Bang, Coen DeLeonardis, Will Guthrie, Andrew Cataldo, Jakob Danner, Brayden Henkel, Ethan Reid, Will Vartuli, Thomas Cunningham, Dhev Jammula, Josh Kaufman,

Mikey McCauley, Ethan Rafferty, Nabil Shinaishin; and Head Coach Scott Young on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Albany Academy Boys Swimming and Diving Team and Head Coach Scott Young.