

BY: Senator MATTERA

CONGRATULATING Sofia Burns, Julia Lucca, Sara Lucca, and Mary Grace Waring upon the occasion of capturing the 200 medley-relay title at the NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming and Diving Championship on November 18, 2023

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 Sofia Burns, Julia Lucca, Sara Lucca, and Mary Grace Waring upon the occasion of capturing the Girls 200 medley-relay title at the NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming and Diving Championship on Saturday, November 18, 2023, held at the Webster Aquatic Center in Webster, New York; and

WHEREAS, In front of a capacity crowd and a fan base of family, friends, and teammates, the Hauppauge-Smithtown's 200-yard medley relay team made up of Julia Lucca, Sofia Burns, Sarah Lucca, and anchor Mary Grace Waring earned first place with an All-American consideration time of 1:44.71 at the State Championships; the win helped Hauppauge-Smithtown secure second place overall at the meet; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by Julia Lucca, Sofia Burns, Sarah Lucca, and Mary Grace Waring is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Sean Montalvo, the team's expert coaching staff, and skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, Hauppauge-Smithtown's 200-yard medley relay team's overall record is outstanding, as the team finished the season undefeated after competing together almost a dozen times; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, Julia Lucca, Sofia Burns, Sarah Lucca, and Mary Grace Waring have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Julia Lucca, Sofia Burns, Sarah Lucca, and Mary Grace Waring have clearly made a 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 Sofia Burns, Julia Lucca, Sara Lucca, and Mary Grace Waring upon the occasion of capturing the Girls 200 medley-relay title at the NYSPHSAA Girls Swimming and Diving Championship on November 18, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sofia Burns, Julia Lucca, Sara Lucca, and Mary Grace Waring and Coach Sean Montalvo.