

BY: Senator TEDISCO

CONGRATULATING Liam Carlin of Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School upon the occasion of capturing the 2024 NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Championship title in Division 1, 145-pound Weight Class on February 24, 2024

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the value of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Liam Carlin, who captured the Division 1, 2024 NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Championship title in the 145-pound Weight Class at the MVP Arena in Albany on Saturday, February 24, 2024; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of his excited fans, Liam Carlin won the state title by garnering a 3-1 decision over Washingtonville's Mason Ketcham; and

WHEREAS, Utilizing outstanding talent and exceptional team play, Liam Carlin capped off a spectacular season with a 44-3 record and was the top seed in the 145-pound bracket entering the state tournament matches; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his finals match, Liam Carlin recorded two straight wins, with pins in times of 1:11 and 1:04 during the first rounds of the tournament; and

WHEREAS, Earlier in the season, Liam Carlin was recognized by the Times Union, a Capital Region newspaper being awarded Boys' Athlete of the Week on December 21, 2023; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this scholar athlete is due in great part to the efforts of a great team of coaches, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as wrestling, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Stephen Jones, 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, In light of his recent accomplishments Liam Carlin has brought honor and just pride to his school and community on the local,

and State level; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Liam Carlin of Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School upon the occasion of capturing the 2024 NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Championship title in Division 1, 145-pound Weight Class on February 24, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Liam Carlin, Head Coach Stephen Jones, Athletic Director Joe Scalise, Principal Timothy Brunson and Superintendent Patrick McGrath, Jr.