

BY: Senator O'MARA

CONGRATULATING Peyton Mullin upon the occasion of capturing the 235-pound weight class title at the NYSPHSAA Girls Invitational State Championship on January 26, 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 Peyton Mullin upon the occasion of capturing the 235-pound weight class title at the NYSPHSAA Girls Invitational State Championship on January 26, 2024, at the SRC Arena and Events Center in Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, Peyton Mullin, ranked ninth seed at the start of the competition, opened the tournament with a win over Kittery VanGuilder of Hadley-Luzerne via fall, in 1:14 of the first period; in round two, she pinned top-ranked Alexis Durdon of Windsor after holding a 4-0 lead through two periods, continuing to dominate the competition on a hot streak; and

WHEREAS, The standout Peyton Mullin of Dundee High School then pinned Patricia Deslandes of Minisink Valley after once again leading 4-0 in the first period; and

WHEREAS, Finally, in an incredible upset, freshman Peyton Mullin defeated defending champion and Waverly High School standout Mackenzie LaForest via fall 1:05 seconds into the match; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this stellar athlete is due in great part to the efforts of her committed and talented team of coaches who are respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence, as well as her various support systems consisting of prideful family, friends, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, This new state champion, Peyton Mullin, has proven a life of dedication to wrestling, practicing the sport since the young age of four; and

WHEREAS, A result of eleven years spent honing her craft, Peyton Mullin has many notable accomplishments, including: 142 total career wins, a boys 285-pound weight class record of 7-7, and a flawless girls 235-pound weight class record of 14-0; she also is a two-time New York Wrestling Association for Youth (NYWAY) state champion, a boys NYWAY

second and fourth place finisher, a girls Wayne-Finger Lakes League Champion, and is now the esteemed NYSPHSAA Girls State Invitational 235-pound weight class champion; and

WHEREAS, In light of her recent accomplishments, Peyton Mullin has brought honor and just pride to her school and community on the local, state, and national level; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Head Coach Sheldon Gibson and Peyton Mullin have clearly contributed 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 Peyton Mullin upon the occasion of capturing the 235-pound weight class title at the NYSPHSAA Girls Invitational State Championship on January 26, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to State Champion Peyton Mullin and Head Coach Sheldon Gibson.