

BY: Senator HELMING

CONGRATULATING Braidon Woodward upon the occasion of capturing the 170-pound Division Wrestling Title at the NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Championships on February 24, 2024

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 Braidon Woodward, a member of the Palmyra-Macedon Red Raiders Men's Wrestling Team, upon the occasion of capturing the 170-pound Division Wrestling Title at the NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Championships on Saturday, February 24, 2024, at the MVP Arena in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, In front of a sold-out crowd and a fan base of family, friends and teammates, Braidon Woodward defeated all his opponents, concluding his high school wrestling career with a 54-1 senior season record; after graduating, he will continue his wrestling career at the University of Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as wrestling, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach John Burgess 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, Braidon Woodward, with the support of his parents, Mike and Hillary Woodward, has clearly utilized dedication, determination and teamwork in providing a lasting contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of his school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Braidon Woodward upon the occasion of capturing the 170-pound Division Wrestling Title at the NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Championships on February 24, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Braidon Woodward, Head Coach John Burgess, Athletic Director Thomas Schmandt, and School Superintendent Dr. Robert Ike.