

BY: Senator TEDISCO

CONGRATULATING Isabella Gretzinger of Shenendehowa High School upon the occasion of capturing the 2023 New York State Public High School Athletic Association Girls Wrestling Championship

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 Isabella Gretzinger, who captured the 2023 NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Championship with a 13-1 victory over Liverpool's Gabby Gonzalez at the SRC Arena and Events Center in Syracuse on Friday, January 27, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Utilizing outstanding talent and exceptional team play, Isabella Gretzinger capped off a spectacular season with an overall record of 18-2 along with being the first New York State Girls Wrestling Champion from Shenendehowa, New York, a trailblazer for many more talented young ladies to follow; and

WHEREAS, For her efforts, Isabella Gretzinger was selected as the **Times Union** Girls' Athlete of the Week for January 23-29, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Prior to her finals match, Isabella Gretzinger recorded a 26-second pin in the first round of competition, a pin in quarter finals in 2:47, and 3 minute and 29 second pin in the semifinals; 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, Girls Head Coach Antonio Lomascolo, and his staff 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 her recent accomplishments, Isabella Gretzinger has brought honor and just pride to her school and community on the local, and State level; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Isabella Gretzinger of Shenendehowa High School upon the

occasion of capturing the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Girls Wrestling Championship; Coaches Antonio Lomascolo, Rob

Weeks, Frank Popolizio, Dan Palmerino and Chris Capezzuti, on an outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Isabella Gretzinger; Coaches Antonio Lomascolo, Rob Weeks, Frank Popolizio, Dan Palmerino and Chris Capezzuti; Athletic Director Christopher Culnan; Principal Ron Agostinoni; and Superintendent Dr. Oliver Robinson.