

BY: Senator O'MARA

CONGRATULATING the Tioga High School Wrestling Team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Division II Dual Meet Wrestling Championship on January 28, 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 the Tioga High School Wrestling Team upon the occasion of capturing back-to-back NYSPHSAA Division II Dual Meet Wrestling Championships; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Tigers defeated Central Valley Academy by a decisive score of 49-18 to capture the New York State title on Saturday, January 28, 2023, at the SRC Arena and Events Center on the campus of Onondaga Community College in Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition to this monumental win, the Tigers won their fourth 2023 NYSPHSAA Division II Wrestling Championship on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at the MVP Arena in Albany, New York; during the event, the team broke the New York State scoring record with 157.5 points, crowned three individual state champions, and had a total of nine state place finishers; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of blue and gold, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Tigers throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive overall record of 13-0, with a 36-match winning streak; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as wrestling, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Coaches Kris Harrington, Jason Bellis, Jon Martin, and Ryan Macwhinnie worked hard to hone the skills of this championship team, teaching these outstanding athletes lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the mat; and

WHEREAS, Coaches Kris Harrington, Jason Bellis, Jon Martin, and Ryan Macwhinnie and all of the outstanding athletes on the Tioga High School Wrestling Team have clearly utilized dedication, determination and teamwork in providing a lasting 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 the members of the Tioga High School Wrestling Team: Austin Babcock, Deakon Bailey, Kali Bailey, Caden Bellis, Levi Bellis, Logan Bellis, Trent Browne, Kadin Cole, Jayden Duncanson, Ousmane Duncanson, Max Dydynski, Garrett Godfrey, Bradley Guiles, Drew Macumber, Tate McCauley, Brayden Macwhinnie, Kaya Nelson, Tyler Roe, Conner Streeter, Gianni Silvestri, Brennan Sindoni, Emily Sindoni, John Woodcock, and Jordan Young; and Coaches Kris Harrington, Jason Bellis, Jon Martin, and Ryan Macwhinnie upon the occasion of capturing the 2023 NYSPHSAA Division II Dual Meet Wrestling Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Tioga High School Wrestling Team, and Coaches Kris Harrington, Jason Bellis, Jon Martin, and Ryan Macwhinnie.