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CONGRATULATING Mia Collins of Ballston Spa High School upon the occasion of capturing the 2024 NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Championship title in the 132-pound Division 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 Mia Collins, who captured the 2024 NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Championship title in the 132-pound Division at the SRC Arena and Events Center in Syracuse on Friday, January 26, 2024; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of her excited fans, Mia Collins won the state title by fall over top-seeded Alexa Doxey of Newfane High School; and

WHEREAS, Utilizing outstanding talent and exceptional team play, Mia Collins capped off a spectacular season with an undefeated regular season record of 10-0, along with being the first New York State Girls Wrestling Champion from Ballston Spa, a trailblazer for many more talented young ladies to follow; and

WHEREAS, Prior to her finals match, Mia Collins recorded a 38-second pin in her first match; in her quarterfinal, she secured a reversal with 17 seconds remaining to win a 6-4 decision, and then put together a second-period pin in the semifinals; and

WHEREAS, Earlier in the month of January 2024, Mia Collins captured the Eastern States Classic title at 132 pounds with a 7-0 championship decision over Jaida Macaluso of Minisink Valley; 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 Jacob Warren, and Assistant Coach Colby Harblin 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, Mia Collins has garnered a national ranking of eighth in her weight class, and though only a junior; she finished third at the Fargo Nationals in North Dakota; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Mia Collins of Ballston Spa High School upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Girls Wrestling Championship title in the 132-pound Division on January 26, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mia Collins; the aforementioned coaches; Director of Physical Education, Health, & Athletics Dave Sunkes; Principal Matthew Robinson; and Superintendent Gianleo Duca.