

Senate Resolution No. 1715

**BY:** Senator GRIFFO

**CONGRATULATING** Andrew Juliano upon the occasion of capturing the 2026 NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Championship title

**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 Andrew Juliano of Holland Patent High School upon the occasion of capturing the 2026 NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Championship title at the MVP Arena in Albany, New York, on Saturday, February 28, 2026; and

**WHEREAS,** To the praise and applause of his excited fans, Holland Patent's top-seeded senior, Andrew Juliano, captured his second championship; this win capped an impressive season for the wrestler who entered the Division 2 tournament with a record of 42-5; he finished the year with a 46-5 result; and

**WHEREAS,** As a sophomore, Andrew Juliano won the 101-pound state crown, finishing with a 37-4 mark with 28 pins; and

**WHEREAS,** For two years, Andrew Juliano wanted to return to the MVP Arena in Albany and win a second state wrestling title; after two periods during Saturday's Division 2 title match, it appeared he would come up short; and

**WHEREAS,** Golden Knights coach John Richard characterizes Andrew Juliano as the type of athlete who performs despite an injury or a points deficit, steeled to face a string of strong foes; despite having endured two recent injuries, the 118-pound wrestler overcame his discomfort, victoriously defeating his opponents; and

**WHEREAS,** The Holland Patent senior defied the odds by rallying from a 7-2 deficit for a three-point takedown, followed by a four-point near-fall in the third period, to key a 9-8 win against his Odessa-Montour/Watkins Glen opponent; and

**WHEREAS,** The talent displayed by this athlete is due, in great part, to the efforts of an outstanding coach who has the ability to develop potential into excellence; and

**WHEREAS,** In a sport, such as wrestling, which demands athletic prowess, speed, and agility, Coach John Richard worked hard to hone the

skills of this outstanding champion, teaching him lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the mat; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Andrew Juliano upon the occasion of capturing the 2026 NYSPHSAA Boys Wrestling Championship title; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Andrew Juliano and Coach John Richard.