

**BY:** Senator BONACIC

**CONGRATULATING** Kevin Gallagher upon the occasion of his induction into the New York State Wrestling Hall of Fame on February 24, 2018

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding athletes who have distinguished themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Kevin Gallagher upon the occasion of his induction into the New York State Wrestling Hall of Fame on Saturday, February 24, 2018, at the Times Union Center, Albany, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Kevin Gallagher has built Minisink Valley Wrestling into a consistently, state-ranked program since he took over as head coach in the 2000-01 season; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout his 18 extraordinary seasons with the team, Kevin Gallagher instilled in his wrestlers that the foundation of their success was based on hard work, a no-excuses mentality, and overcoming adversity; and

**WHEREAS,** Under the able leadership of Kevin Gallagher, Minisink Valley has won five Section 9 tournament team titles and a Section 9 Duals title in the 2014-15 season, finishing that season ranked as the State's number one Division 1 team; additionally, the team won its second state title in 2016; and

**WHEREAS,** A 1977 Minisink Valley graduate, Kevin Gallagher has compiled a 428-96 dual-meet record over 26 seasons, including stops at Middletown and Oxford Academy; and

**WHEREAS,** Kevin Gallagher was just 23 years old when he was named Middletown Head Coach for the 1983-84 season; two years later he was hired to lead Wagner College's Division 1 program as the youngest Division 1 Coach in the country; and

**WHEREAS,** Coaches such as Kevin Gallagher provide a tremendous service to the future of our State and Nation, inspiring generations of student-athletes in their athletic journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is moved to honor Kevin Gallagher for his extraordinary coaching accomplishments which are a tribute to his skill, dedication and commitment; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Kevin Gallagher upon the occasion of his induction into the

New York State Wrestling Hall of Fame on February 24, 2018; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kevin Gallagher.