

BY: Senator KAPLAN

CONGRATULATING Katie Krafchik upon the occasion of her designation as a U.S. Figure Skating Gold Medalist by the Metropolitan Figure Skating Club

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 hard work, encouraging a standard of healthy living, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor those talented young athletes who distinguish themselves and their community through outstanding athletic performance; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Katie Krafchik upon the occasion of her designation as a U.S. Figure Skating Gold Medalist by the Metropolitan Figure Skating Club; and

WHEREAS, Katie Krafchik, a 10-year-old ice skater from New Hyde Park, New York, earned this rare distinction after passing her senior moves test on December 5, 2019; just three percent of the roughly 40,000 annual completed tests are at the gold level; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, she received this esteemed honor after winning a bronze medal and achieving a personal best at the Eastern Sectional Singles Final on Saturday, November 16, 2019, in Hyannis, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Pouring years of effort and emotion into her most recent medaling performance, she skated to a program dedicated to and inspired by her late grandmother; and

WHEREAS, In January, Katie Krafchik will join the best of the best in the United States at Nationals Camp, where the U.S. Skating Federation will monitor her performance; and

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice; Katie Krafchik began figure skating when she was just five years old, enrolling in group classes for a year before beginning private bimonthly classes; and

WHEREAS, Now training six days a week with four hours on the ice each day, Katie Krafchik has little free time, but when she is not skating, she enjoys cooking herself gourmet breakfasts, playing with her little sister and grandfather, and reading mystery novels; and

WHEREAS, In addition to her physical abilities, Katie Krafchik was born with professionalism, attitude, intelligence, dedication and a

desire to be great; and

WHEREAS, The talent and success displayed by Katie Krafchik is due in great part to the efforts of her coach, Igor Krokavec, a skilled and inspirational mentor, respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, Katie Krafchik, in achieving this high athletic honor, may take just pride in the inspiration and contribution to the spirit of excellence she brings to her family, friends, community and school; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Katie Krafchik, a young woman and extraordinary athlete, recognizing the value of her labors and the promise of her future; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Katie Krafchik upon the occasion of her designation as a U.S. Figure Skating Gold Medalist by the Metropolitan Figure Skating Club; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Katie Krafchik.