BY: Senator STEC

CONGRATULATING Caden Allen and Trace McGrath, the Screaming Eagles, upon the occasion of capturing the Gold Medal in Junior Bobsled, Heavyweight Division, at the 2022 Empire State Winter Games

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 Caden Allen and Trace McGrath, the Screaming Eagles, upon the occasion of capturing the Gold Medal in Junior Bobsled, Heavyweight Division, at the 2022 Empire State Winter Games on Saturday, February 5, 2022, at the world-renowned Mt. Van Hovenburg Sliding Center in Lake Placid, New York; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited family members and fans, 16-year-old Warrensburg High School students Caden Allen and Trace McGrath won the race with a .05 differential, reaching speeds up to 77.23 MPH; and

WHEREAS, For the last two years, Caden Allen and Trace McGrath have been practicing every Friday with former Olympian and Coach John Napier, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, Caden Allen and Trace McGrath have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school and community; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Caden Allen and Trace McGrath, the Screaming Eagles, upon the occasion of capturing the Gold Medal in Junior Bobsled, Heavyweight Division, at the 2022 Empire State Winter Games; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Caden Allen, Trace McGrath, and Coach John Napier.