BY: Senator RATH

CONGRATULATING Williamsville North wrestler Cameron Catrabone upon the occasion of winning the Freshman Division Title at the National High School Coaches Association Tournament

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 Williamsville North wrestler Cameron Catrabone upon the occasion of winning the Freshman Division Title at the National High School Coaches Association Tournament on Sunday, April 25, 2021, in Virginia Beach, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Cameron Catrabone, a freshman at Williamsville North High School in Buffalo, New York, won Section VI Wrestling Championships as a middle schooler in 2019 and 2020; to the praise and applause of his excited fans, this extraordinary young man reached another level of success when he defeated Judah Aybar of Manchester, Maryland, on a 6-5 decision to capture the Championship; and

WHEREAS, At 132 pounds, this marks Cameron Catrabone's sixth victory without a loss over three days in the tournament; on Friday, April 23, 2021, he gained victories over Riley Humphrey of Auxvasse, Missouri, and Keegan Logan of Indianapolis on technical falls, then scored a fall over Ryder Machado of Milford, Pennsylvania, in 1:42; and

WHEREAS, On Saturday, April 24, 2021, Cameron Catrabone defeated D'mitri Alarcon of Fort Lupton, Colorado, 7-5, in a match sent to overtime; that same day he scored a fall in 3:47 over E.J. Parco of Danville, California; and

WHEREAS, In his first trip to the national tournament, Cameron Catrabone is believed to be the first Western New York wrestler to win this esteemed event since 2015; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as wrestling, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Mickey Moran 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, Cameron Catrabone has clearly utilized dedication,

determination and teamwork in providing a lasting contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of his school; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Cameron Catrabone upon the occasion of winning the Freshman Division Title at the National High School Coaches Association Tournament; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Cameron Catrabone and Head Coach Mickey Moran.