Senate Resolution No. 2437

**BY:** Senator RHOADS

**CONGRATULATING** the Plainedge Boys Wrestling Team upon the occasion of capturing the Division I title at the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Championships on January 27, 2024

**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 the Plainedge Boys Wrestling Team upon the occasion of capturing the Division I title at the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Championships on Saturday, January 27, 2024, held at SRC Arena in Syracuse, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** This is a tremendous victory for Plainedge UFSD as it is their first ever State Championship Team; and

**WHEREAS,** In a sport such as wrestling, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach, Rob Shaver and Assistant Coaches, Matt Rich and Andrew Rakitzis have worked hard to hone the skills of this championship team, teaching these outstanding athletes lessons, which will prove invaluable both on and off the mat; and

**WHEREAS,** The Plainedge Boys Wrestling Team has clearly utilized dedication, determination, and teamwork in providing a lasting contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their school; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Plainedge Boys Wrestling Team: Dominic Agovino; Thomas Anderson; Jake Anglim; Matthew Caliendo; Jaden Camp; Kyle Carter; Vincent Cito; John Cynar; Jake Dephillips; Cole Dileonardo; Shane Dobbins; Devin Downes; Dylan Fella; Jon Luca Frucci; Joseph Gallo; Nick Gerbasi; Ryan Gurien; Dan Healey; Kieran Judge; James Kass; Joe Manfre; Peter Mastroserio; Jake Nieto; Luke Nieto; James Petzold; Vincent Petzold; Thomas Throo; Mike Ventricelli; Steven Ventricelli; Nick Aquino; Head Coach, Rob Shaver; Assistant Coaches, Matt Rich and Andrew Rakitzis; and Athletic Director, T.J. Burke upon the occasion of capturing the Division I title at the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Championships on January 27, 2024; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Plainedge Boys Wrestling Team; Head Coach, Rob

Shaver; Assistant Coaches, Matt Rich and Andrew Rakitzis; and Athletic Director, T.J. Burke.