Assembly Resolution No. 705

**BY:** M. of A. Friend

**CONGRATULATING** Ousmane Duncanson upon the occasion of capturing the 160-pound Division II wrestling title at the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Championships on February 25, 2023

**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 Ousmane Duncanson upon the occasion of capturing the 160-pound Division II wrestling title at the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Championships on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at the MVP Arena in Albany, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** In front of a capacity crowd and a fan base of family, friends and teammates, Ousmane Duncanson earned a Fall in a time of 4:22 over his opponent from Bolivar-Richburg High School to capture his second consecutive New York State title, making him the third two-time champion in the storied history of the Tioga High School wrestling program; and

**WHEREAS,** In addition, Ousmane Duncanson and his teammate, Caden Bellis, shared the coveted **The Sports Report** Wrestler of the Year honors; and

**WHEREAS,** A standout wrestler for the Tioga Tigers, Ousmane Duncanson ended his season with a perfect overall record of 37-0; during the postseason, he was 10-0 with eight pins and one technical fall and went 4-0 at the New York State Duals, including three first-period falls; his closest match was an 8-1 win in the New York State semifinals; and

**WHEREAS,** In a sport such as wrestling, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Kris Harrington and his expert coaching staff 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,** Ousmane Duncanson 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 Ousmane Duncanson upon the occasion of capturing the 160-pound Division II wrestling title at the NYSPHSAA Wrestling Championships; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ousmane Duncanson and Head Coach Kris Harrington.