

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Chris Belmonte upon the occasion of capturing the Boy's Wrestling Division I State Championship

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 Chris Belmonte of New Hartford, New York, upon the occasion of capturing the Boy's Wrestling Division I State Championship on Saturday, February 28, 2026, in Albany, New York; to the praise and applause of his excited fans, Chris Belmonte defeated all four of his opponents to win the championship; and

WHEREAS, Chris Belmonte dominated the boy's wrestling state championship competition, and he did not allow any of his four opponents to score a single point; this impressive athlete spent just over four minutes total on the mat during the tournament, with his most impressive pin taking merely 35 seconds; and

WHEREAS, Chris Belmonte's championship win marks his school's 10th state crown and his 150th career victory; and

WHEREAS, Family, friends, and the community loyally and enthusiastically supported Chris Belmonte throughout his journey as he ended his season with an impressive 50-1 overall record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as boy's wrestling, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Dave Caruso and his skilled 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, Coach Dave Caruso and Chris Belmonte have 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 Chris Belmonte and Head Coach Dave Caruso on their outstanding season and overall season record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chris Belmonte and Head Coach Dave Caruso.