Senate Resolution No. 1755

BY: Senator RHOADS

CONGRATULATING Johnny Macko upon the occasion of capturing two state titles at the NYSPHSAA Boys Varsity Swimming and Diving Championships

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those young athletes within the State of New York who, through outstanding dedication, talent, and sportsmanship, bring pride and honor to their schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Johnny Macko upon the occasion of capturing state titles at the NYSPHSAA Boys Varsity Swimming and Diving Championships on Saturday, March 7, 2026, at Ithaca College; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Macko, a junior at Wellington C. Mepham High School and co-captain of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District's Sharks boys swim team, delivered a dominant and inspiring performance at the NYSPHSAA Boys Varsity Swimming and Diving Championships; and

WHEREAS, Demonstrating exceptional endurance, skill, and determination, Johnny Macko secured two New York State Championship titles, winning the 200 Freestyle with an outstanding time of 1:39.47 and the 500 Freestyle with an impressive 4:28.31; and

WHEREAS, Both performances marked personal bests for Johnny Macko and met the highly competitive All-American consideration standards, underscoring his remarkable talent and commitment to excellence in the sport of swimming; and

WHEREAS, Through the combined efforts of its talented athletes and coaching staff, the Bellmore-Merrick Sharks boys swim team achieved a commendable 23rd place finish in New York State, reflecting a season defined by perseverance, teamwork, and competitive spirit; and

WHEREAS, The success of this program is due in large part to the dedicated leadership of Head Coach Mike Miller, whose guidance, mentorship, and commitment to the development of student-athletes have helped cultivate both athletic achievement and strong character among his swimmers; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Macko's accomplishments exemplify the highest ideals of athletic competition, serving as a source of pride for his school, his teammates, and the Bellmore-Merrick community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Johnny Macko upon the occasion of capturing two state titles at the NYSPHSAA Boys Varsity Swimming and Diving Championships; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Johnny Macko and Head Coach Mike Miller.