Senate Resolution No. 1757

BY: Senator HELMING

CONGRATULATING the Pavilion/York Air Rifle Team upon the occasion of winning the New York State Rifle Invitational Championship in the Three-Position Event

WHEREAS, Individual and team championships are highly sought after in scholastic 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 discipline, responsibility, and fair play; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Pavilion/York Air Rifle Team upon the occasion of winning the New York State Rifle Invitational Championship in the Three-Position Event on Saturday, March 1, 2026, in Orchard Park, New York; in a remarkable performance, the team achieved a program-record score of 1,143 to secure the state title; and

WHEREAS, Representing Pavilion/York in the three-position competition were seniors Cooper Harkins and Tyler Brian, and juniors Myra Beardsley, Emily Harwood, and Jayden Harkins; the standing match team included senior Cooper Harkins, juniors Emily Harwood, Myra Beardsley, and Jayden Harkins, and sophomore Jesse Brian; and

WHEREAS, The team's success was further highlighted by outstanding individual accomplishments, including Tyler Brian and Emily Harwood each achieving their first-ever perfect targets in the prone position; additionally, Myra Beardsley earned top individual honors as the highest shooter in the kneeling position and was named the overall champion in both the standing and three-position matches; and

WHEREAS, Proudly representing their schools and communities, the Pavilion/York Air Rifle Team demonstrated perseverance, dedication, and sportsmanship throughout a historic season, finishing undefeated in league competition, capturing both Section V titles, and ultimately claiming the state championship; and

WHEREAS, In a sport requiring precision, discipline, and intense concentration, Head Coach Jenny Harkins has devoted countless hours to developing the talents and character of these young athletes, guiding them toward excellence and instilling lessons which will prove invaluable throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, Coach Jenny Harkins and all of the outstanding athletes on

the Pavilion/York Air Rifle Team have clearly displayed growth, determination, and success, serving as shining examples of teamwork and commitment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the members of the Pavilion/York Air Rifle Team: Myra Beardsley, Emily Harwood, Cooper Harkins, Jayden Harkins, Tyler Brian, and Jesse Brian; and Head Coach Jenny Harkins upon the occasion of winning the New York State Rifle Invitational Championship in the Three-Position Event; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Pavilion/York Air Rifle Team; Head Coach Jenny Harkins; and the appropriate school administrators and athletic officials in recognition of this outstanding achievement.