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CONGRATULATING Christian Jerome upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Boys Swimming and Diving Championship in the 100-yard butterfly on March 8, 2025

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 Christian Jerome upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Boys Swimming and Diving Championship in the 100-yard butterfly at Ithaca College in Ithaca, New York, on Saturday, March 8, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Representing Hoosic Valley, Christian Jerome clinched the 100-yard butterfly with an outstanding time of 48.04 seconds; and

WHEREAS, Christian Jerome entered the meet with a 100-yard butterfly seed time of 48.17, then in the preliminaries, he secured the top spot for finals with a smooth 48.62; under the bright lights of the championship heat, he rose to the occasion, touching the wall in a personal-best time of 48.04 to claim the NYSPHSAA title for the 100-yard butterfly; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this young man is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Rob MacLeod, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Christian Jerome has clearly contributed 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 Christian Jerome upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Boys Swimming and Diving Championship in the 100-yard butterfly on March 8, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Christian Jerome, and Head Coach Rob MacLeod.