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CONGRATULATING Colton Havens upon the occasion of his capturing the 2025 NYSPHSAA Men's Division II 160-pound Wrestling 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 Canisteo-Greenwood High School's Colton Havens upon the occasion of his capturing the NYSPHSAA Men's Division II 160-pound Wrestling Championship at the MVP Arena in Albany, New York on Saturday, March 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Colton Havens went 4-0 at the State Tournament, defeating his preliminary opponent with a 20-5 technical fall, his second opponent with a pin fall in 1:32 and securing a 8-4 decision over his semifinal opponent; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of his family and exited fans, Colton Havens secured the championship in his final bout with a score of 9-5; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding performance earned Colton Havens the NYSPHSAA Men's Division II 160-pound Wrestling Championship; and

WHEREAS, Colton Havens is the second State Wrestling Champion in Canisteo-Greenwood High School history, he is the school's first four-time state place finisher and he is a five-time Section V Class B Champion; and

WHEREAS, Colton Havens holds the Canisteo-Greenwood record for wins in a season with 54, the school record for pins in a season with 40, finished his season with a 54-3 record, and a career record of 255-33; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as wrestling, which demands focus, strength and skill, Canisteo-Greenwood High School Wrestling Coaches Geoff Havens and Phil Stewart worked hard to mentor and inspire Colton Havens in his record-breaking season, teaching this outstanding athlete life lessons which will prove invaluable on and off the field; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

congratulate Colton Havens on an outstanding season which culminated in his winning the 2025 NYSPHSAA Men's Division II 160-pound Wrestling Championship and Coach Geoff Havens and Coach Phil Stewart for guiding him during his history-making season; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Colton Havens, Coach Geoff Havens, Coach Phil Stewart and Athletic Director Bill Drake.