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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Hunter Richard upon the occasion of capturing the 138-pound Division II wrestling title at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Wrestling Championships

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the value of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Hunter Richard upon the occasion of capturing the 138-pound Division II wrestling title at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Wrestling Championships on Saturday, February 28, 2015, at the Times Union Center in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, A sophomore at Holland Patent Central High School in Holland Patent, New York, Hunter Richard won his first New York State Wrestling Championship after finishing in third place the previous year; and

WHEREAS, During the title match, this talented young athlete scored eight points in the third period to take an exciting 8-7 decision victory over his opponent, a senior from Locust Valley High School; and

WHEREAS, Hunter Richard's overall record of 47-2 is outstanding, and he was loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of Hunter Richard, from the opening match of the season to participation in the championship, were a triumph of athletic ability, good sportsmanship, honor, and scholarship, demon-

strating that this athlete is second to none; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, Hunter Richard has proven himself to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on his school; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Hunter Richard has clearly made a contribution 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 Hunter Richard upon the occasion of capturing the 138-pound Division II wrestling title at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Wrestling Championships; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Hunter Richard.