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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Minisink Valley High School Varsity Wrestling Team and Coach Kevin Gallagher upon the occasion of capturing the 2015 New York State Championship

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 the Minisink Valley High School Varsity Wrestling Team and Coach Kevin Gallagher upon the occasion of capturing the 2015 New York State Championship as well as on their undefeated 2014-2015 season; and

WHEREAS, The Minisink Valley High School Warriors completed a perfect undefeated season to become the 2015 New York State Wrestling Champions; and

WHEREAS, During the 2014-2015 season, the Minisink Valley Warriors achieved an impressive record of accomplishments, including winning the Colonie Dual Team Championship, the Jim Wilson Dual Championship, and the Section IX Conference Championship; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Minisink Valley High School Varsity Wrestling Team has produced five New York State Qualifiers, four Section IX Champions, and 12 Section IX Place Winners; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the Minisink Valley Warriors have achieved the distinction of being ranked No. 1 in New York State, and 39th in the nation; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Kevin Gallagher and his team of outstanding assistant coaches, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall undefeated record is outstanding, and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the Minisink Valley Wrestling Team, from the opening match of the season to participation in the Championship, were a brotherhood of athletic ability, of good sportsmanship, of honor and of scholarship, demonstrating that these team players are second to none; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, the team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

WHEREAS, Coach Kevin Gallagher and his dedicated staff have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coach Kevin Gallagher and these outstanding athletes have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Minisink Valley Wrestling Team; its members: Jarred Greiner, Connor Greiner, Nicolas Albornoz, Tom Daly, Gerard Daly, Matt Lopez, Tyler Mayo, Andrew Neidnig, Chris Truglio, Michael Raccioppi, Luke Hoffmann, Dane Neretich, A.J. Aeberli, Nick Perdomo, Nick Wentland, Deonte Moore, Andrew Slagle, Carl Gelardi, David Wix, Braxton Robertson,

and Colin Smith; Coach Kevin Gallagher and Assistant Coaches Scott Hendershot, Jeremiah Biddle, Josh Potter, and Dan Gallo, on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Minisink Valley High School Varsity Wrestling Team and Coach Kevin Gallagher.