

## 2015-J1704

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Sam Moelis upon the occasion of capturing the World Title at the International Fencing Federation's 2015 Cadet and Junior Championships

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the State of New York who, by achieving outstanding success in athletic competition, have inspired and brought pride to their school and community; 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Sam Moelis upon the occasion of capturing the 17-and-under World Title at the International Fencing Federation's 2015 Cadet and Junior Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan; and

WHEREAS, Sam Moelis, a junior at Lynbrook High School, brought home the 2015 Cadet World Championship in foil with an extraordinary performance in the 17-and-under age group: and

WHEREAS, This remarkable young athlete began his fencing career taking lessons in the basement of his father's synagogue, Temple Beth Emeth, in Hewlett Harbor, New York; he progressed quickly studying under an Olympic fencer, and later commuted to Brooklyn to practice and learn from other masters of the sport; and

WHEREAS, In 2014, Sam Moelis won the Division I National Championship at 16, becoming one of the youngest fencers to take home the United States' top honor; he went on to compete in the Junior Olympics in Salt

Lake City, finishing in the top eight and receiving the highest rating possible for an American fencer; and

WHEREAS, Sam Moelis's overall fencing record is outstanding; he has been loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, this young man now stands honorably, with just pride in his accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by his teachers, coaches and parents; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Sam Moelis upon the occasion of capturing the World Title at the International Fencing Federation's 2015 Cadet and Junior Championships; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Sam Moelis.