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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Kevin Parker upon the occasion of capturing the 182-pound Division I wrestling title at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Wrestling Championships on February 27, 2016

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 Kevin Parker upon the occasion of capturing the 182-pound Division I wrestling title at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Wrestling Championships on Saturday, February 27, 2016, at the Times Union Center in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, A senior at Shenendehowa High School in Clifton Park, New York, Kevin Parker became a two-time defending champion from Section II, outscoring his opponents 59-4 to end his high school career with the 182-pound Division I title; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Parker, ranked 14th in the Nation, advanced to the championship match by tech fall, 15-0, over Long Beach junior Tyreek Bromley in the semifinal round Saturday morning; and

WHEREAS, During the title match, this talented young athlete secured a 13-4 decision over his opponent, the No. 2 New York State ranked wrestler in his weight class, a senior from Lakeland Panas; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the 2016 season, Kevin Parker continued to subdue

his opponents with a signature leg maneuver, allowing him to register a remarkable 47-1 record; and

WHEREAS, A true leader and an exceptional student, Kevin Parker plans on continuing his wrestling career next year when he competes for Princeton University; and

WHEREAS, As he graduates from high school this June, Kevin Parker's overall record of 215-41 is outstanding, and he was loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of Kevin Parker, from the opening match of the season to participation in the championship, were a triumph of athletic ability, good sportsmanship, honor, and scholarship, demonstrating that this athlete is second to none; and

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

WHEREAS, Coach Robert Weeks has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring this gifted young grappler toward his goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Kevin Parker 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 Kevin Parker upon the occasion of capturing the 182-pound Division I wrestling title at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Wrestling Championships, and to wish him great success in all his continuing endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted Kevin Parker, Coach Robert Weeks, and the Athletic Department and Administration of Shenendehowa High School.