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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Ryan Ellefsen upon the occasion of capturing First Place in the 215-pound Division at the National United Wrestling Association for Youth 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 Ryan Ellefsen upon the occasion of capturing First Place in the 215-pound Division at the National United Wrestling Association for Youth Championship in Battle Creek, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, An accomplished wrestler at Goshen Central High School in Goshen, New York, Ryan Ellefsen pinned his runner-up opponent from Michigan State in the third period of the National United Wrestling Association for Youth Championship (NUWAY) finals to achieve a 4-0 tournament record and the 215-pound division crown; and

WHEREAS, Prior to winning a NUWAY title, this esteemed young athlete placed second in the New York State Wrestling Championships, and became the first wrestler from his school to reach a state final; he was also named a Varsity⁸⁴⁵ All-Star by the TIMES-HERALD RECORD; and

WHEREAS, Recently, Ryan Ellefsen was selected as an All-American at the National High School Coaches Wrestling Championship in Virginia Beach, Virginia, where he placed 5th in the 220 pound division; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Ellefsen's overall record is outstanding, and he was

loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of Ryan Ellefsen, 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, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Ryan Ellefsen 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 Ryan Ellefsen upon the occasion of capturing First Place in the 215-pound Division at the National United Wrestling Association for Youth Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ryan Ellefsen.