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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Victoria Caputo upon the occasion of capturing the 2009 Level 9 United States Association 14-year-old Championship in Gymnastics

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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the State of New York who have inspired and brought pride to their community by achieving outstanding success in athletic competition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Victoria Caputo upon the occasion of capturing the 2009 Level 9 United States Association 14-year-old Championship in Gymnastics; and

WHEREAS, A freshman at Hicksville High School, Victoria Caputo won the uneven bars (9.425), and finished third in the beam (9.125), fourth in the floor (9.5) and fifth in the vault (9.2) to successfully defend her all-around title (37.25); and

WHEREAS, Coached by Tammy Marshall and Oskar at the Gold Medal Gymnastics Center in Huntington, New York, Victoria Caputo also captured the National Gymnastics Challenge in Athens, Georgia, North Stars in New Jersey, the Little Bigger Invitational in Wodburn, Massachusetts, the largest gymnastics meet in the world at Chicago's navy pier, the Park-

ette Invitational in Allentown, Pennsylvania, the Brestyans Invitational Meet at Tufts University and the Hot Shots New Years Eve Blast this season; and

WHEREAS, Loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large, Victoria Caputo has proven herself to be an unbeatable combination of athletic and academic talents and stands as a sterling example and inspiration to all who would aspire to success; and

WHEREAS, Poised eagerly with enthusiasm and determined purpose, Victoria Caputo now stands honorably, with just pride in her accomplishments and in eager anticipation of future challenges, understanding and appreciating the caring counsel and support provided by her coaches, family and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Victoria Caputo upon the occasion of capturing the 2009 Level 9 United States Association 14-year-old Championship in Gymnastics, and to extend to her its best wishes for a future of purposeful success and well-being, fully confident of her response to a promising future and appreciative of the model she represents for all aspiring young people of the Empire State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Victoria Caputo.