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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Warwick Valley High School student-athlete Todd Uckermark upon the occasion of winning the 2014 New York State Public High School Athletic Association State Championship for the pole vault

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, by achieving outstanding success in athletic competition, have inspired and brought pride to their school and community; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Warwick Valley High School student-athlete Todd Uckermark upon the occasion of winning the 2014 New York State Public High School Athletic Association State Championship for the pole vault on Saturday, March 1, 2014, at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York; and

WHEREAS, A senior at Warwick Valley High School, Todd Uckermark captured the 2014 NYSPHAA Winter Track and Field state title in the pole vault with a distance of 16 feet; and

WHEREAS, Todd Uckermark has a tradition of success; he was the top seed in this year's championship, having set the Section 9 record for pole vault at 16 feet, 9 inches in December 2013; and

WHEREAS, In 2013 during his junior year, Todd Uckermark was the indoor and outdoor track school record holder for the pole vault with jumps of 15 feet, 4 inches indoors, and 15 feet, 8 inches outdoors; that same year, he was selected as Hispanic Games Athlete of the Week at the

Armory in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Todd Uckermark's overall record is outstanding; he was loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Todd Uckermark 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 Warwick Valley High School student-athlete Todd Uckermark upon the occasion of winning the 2014 New York State Public High School Athletic Association State Championship for the pole vault; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Todd Uckermark.