

## 2013-K1246

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION RESOLUTION congratulating Charlie Tibbits of Team Properly Trained upon the occasion of capturing the 2014 NUWAY Nationals Division 3 Championship

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 takes pleasure in honoring talented young athletes who distinguish themselves and their community through outstanding athletic performance; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to congratulate Charlie Tibbits of Team Properly Trained upon the occasion of capturing the 2014 NUWAY Nationals Division 3 Championship held April 12-13, 2014, in Battle Creek, New York; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Tibbits, the son of Charles Tibbits and Kimberly Scheri, is a fourth grade student at Harts Elementary School, and a member of SAGE, a pre-advanced placement program for academically talented students; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed young man began his wrestling career at the age of five, winning seven tournaments in his first year and 11 tournaments in his second year of active competition; and

WHEREAS, At the age of seven, Charlie Tibbits began traveling to major tournaments and competing in national level events; he finished 2nd in 3 national tournaments including the Empire Brute Nationals, the Gene Mills Eastern Nationals, and the Mid Atlantic Wrestling Association Nationals, which earned him All-American honors; and

WHEREAS, The following year, Charlie Tibbits took first place in 23 tournaments, including his first NYWAY NY5 Championship and the Big Red Northeast Championships; in addition, he was selected to be a member of Team NYWAY at the NUWAY National Duels, and earned All-American Honors at MAWA National in Maryland for the second time; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, Charlie Tibbits experienced adversity, sustaining an injury while competing at the Cliff Keen National Kickoff Tournament; a severely dislocated elbow caused him to miss most of the season; he persevered and recovered admirably however, winning three local tournaments after his cast was removed, and finishing with 18 wins and 3 losses for the season; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Tibbits has experienced his greatest success in the 2013-2014 season, compiling a record of 83 wins and 25 losses; he once again, earned a spot on Team NYWAY and traveled to Ohio State University for the NUWAY National Duels, where he went undefeated and earned All-American honors; furthermore, he won his second NYWAY NYS Championship, qualifying him for the NUWAY Individual Championships; and

WHEREAS, At the 2014 NUWAY Nationals, this remarkable athlete competed against the top young wrestlers from across the nation, winning the championship in the 110 pound division; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Tibbits's exemplary performance is reflective of his dedication, determination and personal commitment; his achievements stand as a hallmark of what is best in the families, schools and communities across New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Charlie Tibbits of Team Properly Trained upon the occasion of capturing the 2014 NUWAY Nationals Division 3 Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Charlie Tibbits.