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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Ethan Wachsman, Calogero Torreta, and Ashley Davis, 2015 Gold Medal winners from Tokey Hill Martial Arts in Port Washington, New York

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, Martial Arts competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the values of hard work and discipline, while 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 Ethan Wachsman, Calogero Torreta, and Ashley Davis, 2015 Gold Medal winners from Tokey Hill Martial Arts in Port Washington, New York; and

WHEREAS, Ethan Wachsman was awarded an individual gold medal at the Junior International Cup in sparring competition, known as Kumite; in addition, he received two bronze medals at the U.S. Open for both individual performance and Team Kumite; and

WHEREAS, Calogero Torreta captured an individual gold medal at the North American Cup; he also received a silver medal at the U.S. Open, and faced the two-time world champion from Brazil in the finals; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Davis won a gold medal at the North American Cup for her outstanding individual performance; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by these three martial artists is due in great part to the efforts of Sensei Christina Muccini, a former national champion and a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for her ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The overall record of these three young competitors is

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

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of Tokey Hill Martial Arts, from the opening match to participation in the Championships, were a fellowship of athletic ability, of good sportsmanship, of honor and of skill, demonstrating that these three martial artists are second to none; and

WHEREAS, Martial Arts competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Sensei Christina Muccini and these three outstanding karatekas have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their school; and

WHEREAS, Ethan Wachsman, Calogero Torreta, and Ashley Davis exemplify the best potential which is inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; they have brought enduring honor to their families and the overall community through their many achievements; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Ethan Wachsman, Calogero Torreta, and Ashley Davis, 2015 Gold Medal winners from Tokey Hill Martial Arts in Port Washington, New York, and to wish them all the best in their future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ethan Wachsman, Calogero Torreta, Ashley Davis, and Sensei Christina Muccini.