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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Liam Grogan upon the occasion of capturing the 132-pound Novice Boxing Title at the New York State Golden Gloves on May 1, 2016

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 exemplary athletes who excel in the sport of boxing, distinguishing themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its longstanding traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Liam Grogan upon the occasion of capturing the 132-pound Novice Boxing Title at the New York State Golden Gloves held on Sunday, May 1, 2016, at The Cove in Depew, New York; and

WHEREAS, A native of Hamburg, New York, Liam Grogan is a junior at Bishop Timon-St. Jude High School in Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, With this victory, Liam Grogan is now set to compete in the open class in 2017 where he will have a chance to compete for a national title; and

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

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of Liam Grogan, from the opening match of the season to participation in the Golden Gloves championship, were a

triumph of athletic ability, good sportsmanship, honor, and scholarship, demonstrating that this athlete is second to none; and WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, Liam Grogan has proven himself to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on his school; and

WHEREAS, Trainer Jim Ralston has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring this exceptional young pugilist toward his goals; and WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Liam Grogan 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 Liam Grogan upon the occasion of capturing the 132-pound Novice Boxing Title at the New York State Golden Gloves on May 1, 2016; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Liam Grogan, and Trainer Jim Ralston.