

## 2017-J3740

Senate Resolution No. 3740

BY: Senator BONACIC

CONGRATULATING Kevin Gallagher upon the occasion  
of his induction into the New York State Wrestling  
Hall of Fame on February 24, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to  
outstanding athletes who have distinguished 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  
long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to  
congratulate Kevin Gallagher upon the occasion of his induction into the  
New York State Wrestling Hall of Fame on Saturday, February 24, 2018, at  
the Times Union Center, Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Gallagher has built Minisink Valley Wrestling into a  
consistently, state-ranked program since he took over as head coach in  
the 2000-01 season; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his 18 extraordinary seasons with the team,  
Kevin Gallagher instilled in his wrestlers that the foundation of their  
success was based on hard work, a no-excuses mentality, and overcoming  
adversity; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Kevin Gallagher, Minisink Valley has won five Section 9 tournament team titles and a Section 9 Duals title in the 2014-15 season, finishing that season ranked as the State's number one Division 1 team; additionally, the team won its second state title in 2016; and

WHEREAS, A 1977 Minisink Valley graduate, Kevin Gallagher has compiled a 428-96 dual-meet record over 26 seasons, including stops at Middletown and Oxford Academy; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Gallagher was just 23 years old when he was named Middletown Head Coach for the 1983-84 season; two years later he was hired to lead Wagner College's Division 1 program as the youngest Division 1 Coach in the country; and

WHEREAS, Coaches such as Kevin Gallagher provide a tremendous service to the future of our State and Nation, inspiring generations of student-athletes in their athletic journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Kevin Gallagher for his extraordinary coaching accomplishments which are a tribute to his skill, dedication and commitment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Kevin Gallagher upon the occasion of his induction into the New York State Wrestling Hall of Fame on February 24, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kevin Gallagher.