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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION recognizing Chris Koo of Great Neck South High School for his outstanding scholastic career wrestling accomplishments

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body takes pleasure in honoring talented high school athletes who distinguish themselves and their community through outstanding athletic performance; and

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to recognize Chris Koo of Great Neck South High School for his outstanding scholastic career wrestling accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Chris Koo is a 17 year-old senior at Great Neck South High School; he is the most accomplished wrestler in the program since 1979 and a serious contender to capture a national championship in the upcoming tournament to be held in Virginia in April; he is also aiming to compete in the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro; and

WHEREAS, Already a two time National High School Coaches Association All-American, Chris Koo placed sixth as a sophomore in the 145-pound division and seventh last year as a 160-pound competitor; and

WHEREAS, After winning the Nassau County title in the 152-pound class and finishing second in the New York State Public High School Athletic Association wrestling championships, Chris Koo became the first Great Neck South High School wrestler to place so high in almost 35 years; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Chris Koo's Nassau County title earned him the distinction of being the first ever champion of Korean heritage in either Nassau or Suffolk counties; and

WHEREAS, Chris Koo was named "most outstanding wrestler" by the participating coaches in the wrestling tournaments held in December 2012 at Bethpage and Massapequa, New York; and

WHEREAS, First joining the Great Neck South High School wrestling team

as a freshman, Chris Koo's career record is 120-17; as a junior his record was 38-1, he was 41-1 in his senior year; and

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice; Chris Koo's dedication to wrestling is a year-round, everyday commitment; he is highly focused and has developed a matchless work ethic; and

WHEREAS, Chris Koo's exemplary scholastic wrestling career 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 recognize Chris Koo of Great Neck South High School for his outstanding scholastic career wrestling accomplishments, and to commend him for the enduring honor he has brought to his family, his school and his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Chris Koo.