

STATE OF NEW YORK
LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY
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Honoring the St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute Wrestling Team for Matching the Record for Most Consecutive Team Championships in the Monsignor Martin Athletic Association

WHEREAS, throughout Western New York sports, St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute has long been known for their athletics excellence; and

WHEREAS, the wrestling team, led by coach Pete Kennedy, won its ninth consecutive Monsignor Martin All-Catholic wrestling tournament, tying the record set by St. Francis from 1981 to 1989; and

WHEREAS, Coach Kennedy guided the team to another championship with the help of assistant coaches Brad Devlin, Craig Taylor Golba, Dan Menza, Dan Bavisotto and Steve Schenk; and

WHEREAS, with 19 qualifiers, St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute will send the largest contingent from the Monsignor Martin Athletic Association to the New York State Catholic High School Athletic Association on February 12 at St. Anthony's in Huntington, Long Island; and

WHEREAS, Jayson Kline, who won the 132-pound championship, was named the Most Outstanding Wrestler; and

WHEREAS, Austin Zimmerman, a two-time state champion, was named the Monsignor Martin Athletic Association's Wrestler of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the team was champions in five of the six lower weights with Augello Giancarlo at 102, Zimmerman at 110, Nike Massaro at 126, Jayson Kline at 132 and Aidan Schenk at 138; and

WHEREAS, St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute also had winners at 160-pound class, with Luke Vantresca, and 285-pound class, with Nathaniel Lopez; and

WHEREAS, the Marauders' coaches, staff and student-athletes continue to display their character through good sportsmanship, athletic prowess and success, both on and off the field, and it is the desire of this Honorable Body to recognize dynamic young people for these accomplishments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor and congratulate the St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute's Wrestling Team and their coaching staff for winning a record tying ninth consecutive Monsignor Martin All-Catholic wrestling tournament; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body commends the team, coaches, teachers, supporters, parents and players on their outstanding, record-setting season.

Hon. Michael H. Kooshoian
Erie County Legislator, 3rd District