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A RESOLUTION

1 Congratulating The Pennsylvania State University wrestling team
2 on its 11th National Collegiate Athletic Association Division
3 I Championship and Pennsylvania residents who competed and
4 placed during the National Collegiate Athletic Association
5 Division I Wrestling Championship.

6 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State University wrestling team won
7 its 10th National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA)
8 Division I Wrestling Championship in the past 12 Championship
9 Tournaments, its second consecutive championship and 11th team
10 title overall; and

11 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State University's 55.0-point
12 margin of victory was the largest in school history, beating the
13 previous record of 41.0 set in 2019, and fifth largest in NCAA
14 history; and

15 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State University wrestling team
16 tied its previous school record of eight All-Americans in a
17 single season and won the Big Ten Championship; and

18 WHEREAS, At 34 individual first-place finishes, The
19 Pennsylvania State University wrestling team has won the most

1 individual titles in the nation since 2011, nearly tripling the
2 wins of the next closest competitor; and

3 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State University featured for the
4 first time seven total wrestlers who finished in the top three
5 in their respective weight classes; and

6 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State University Wrestling Head
7 Coach Cael Sanderson and his coaching staff won their 10th NCAA
8 Division I Wrestling Championship; and

9 WHEREAS, The Nittany Lion wrestling team coaching staff has
10 been instrumental in the team's multiple successes; and

11 WHEREAS, Coach Sanderson was named Big Ten Coach of the Year
12 for the seventh time; and

13 WHEREAS, Coach Sanderson has personally coached 83, or more
14 than one-third, of the 246 All-Americans to ever wrestle for The
15 Pennsylvania State University; and

16 WHEREAS, Coach Sanderson's championship wrestlers have a 34-
17 16 record, or a 68% winning percentage, in the NCAA Wrestling
18 Tournament Finals; and

19 WHEREAS, Since 2011, The Pennsylvania State University
20 wrestlers have won 34 individual titles, approximately 28.8% of
21 all individual titles won in the NCAA Championship Tournament;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State University is the only team
24 since Coach Sanderson's arrival in 2011 with at least one victor
25 from each individual weight class in the NCAA Championship
26 Tournament; and

27 WHEREAS, In his fourth appearance at the NCAA Championship
28 Tournament, The Pennsylvania State University wrestler Roman
29 Bravo-Young placed second in the 133-pound division after
30 placing first in all three previous appearances; and

1 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State University wrestler Roman
2 Bravo-Young earned the All-American distinction for the fifth
3 time making him the University's second-ever five-time All-
4 American and placed first in the 133-pound final of the Big Ten
5 Tournament for the third time; and

6 WHEREAS, In his second appearance at the NCAA Championship
7 Tournament, The Pennsylvania State University wrestler Beau
8 Bartlett placed third in the 141-pound division; and

9 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State University wrestler Beau
10 Bartlett earned the All-American distinction for the first time;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, In his first appearance at the NCAA Championship
13 Tournament, The Pennsylvania State University wrestler Shayne
14 Van Ness placed third in the 149-pound division; and

15 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State University wrestler Shayne
16 Van Ness earned the All-American distinction for the first time;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, In his first appearance at the NCAA Championship
19 Tournament, The Pennsylvania State University wrestler Levi
20 Haines placed second in the 157-pound division; and

21 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State University wrestler Levi
22 Haines earned the All-American distinction for the first time,
23 was a true freshman Big Ten Champion and honored as the Big Ten
24 Freshman of the Year, making him The Pennsylvania State
25 University's eighth honoree; and

26 WHEREAS, In his third appearance at the NCAA Championship
27 Tournament, The Pennsylvania State University wrestler Carter
28 Starocci won his third NCAA wrestling title in the 174-pound
29 division making him The Pennsylvania State University's fifth
30 three-time NCAA Champion; and

1 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State University wrestler Carter
2 Starocci earned the All-American distinction for the third time
3 and placed first in the 174-pound final of the Big Ten
4 Tournament for the second time; and

5 WHEREAS, In his third appearance at the NCAA Championship
6 Tournament, The Pennsylvania State University wrestler Aaron
7 Brooks won his third NCAA wrestling title in the 184-pound
8 division making him The Pennsylvania State University's sixth
9 three-time NCAA Champion; and

10 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State University wrestler Aaron
11 Brooks earned the All-American distinction for the fourth time
12 making him The Pennsylvania State University's 17th four-time
13 All-American and placed first in the 184-pound final of the Big
14 Ten Tournament for the third time; and

15 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State University has won eight
16 individual titles at the 184-pound division since 2011; and

17 WHEREAS, In his second appearance at the NCAA Championship
18 Tournament, The Pennsylvania State University wrestler Max Dean
19 placed seventh in the 197-pound division after placing first in
20 the previous year's appearance; and

21 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State University wrestler Max Dean
22 earned the All-American distinction for the fourth time making
23 him The Pennsylvania State University's 18th four-time All-
24 American; and

25 WHEREAS, In his third appearance at the NCAA Championship
26 Tournament, The Pennsylvania State University wrestler Greg
27 Kerkvliet placed second in the 285-pound division; and

28 WHEREAS, The Pennsylvania State University wrestler Greg
29 Kerkvliet earned the All-American distinction for the third
30 time; and

1 WHEREAS, Twenty of the 80 All-Americans in the 2022-2023 NCAA
2 wrestling season either wrestled for a Pennsylvania university
3 or are Pennsylvania natives; and

4 WHEREAS, Nino Bonaccorsi, from Bethel Park, Trent Hidlay,
5 from Lewistown, Mikey Labriola, from Easton, Ethan Laird, from
6 McKean, Spencer Lee, from Murrysville, Max Murin, from
7 Ebensburg, Sammy Sasso, from Nazareth, Ed Scott, from Dubois,
8 and Ethan Smith, from Latrobe, are Pennsylvania natives who
9 wrestled in the 2022-2023 NCAA Championship Tournament and
10 earned the distinction of All-American; and

11 WHEREAS, Will Feldkamp, who wrestled for Clarion University
12 of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education, Josh
13 Humphreys, who wrestled for Lehigh University, and Anthony Noto,
14 who wrestled for Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania's State
15 System of Higher Education, competed at the 2022-2023 NCAA
16 Championship Tournament; and

17 WHEREAS, In his fourth appearance at the NCAA Championship
18 Tournament, The Ohio State University wrestler Sammy Sasso
19 placed second in the 149-pound division; and

20 WHEREAS, In his fourth appearance at the NCAA Championship
21 Tournament, Lehigh University wrestler Josh Humphreys placed
22 third in the 157-pound division; and

23 WHEREAS, In his fourth appearance at the NCAA Championship
24 Tournament, University of Nebraska wrestler Mikey Labriola
25 placed second in the 174-pound division; and

26 WHEREAS, In his fourth appearance at the NCAA Championship
27 Tournament, University of Pittsburgh wrestler Nino Bonaccorsi
28 won his first NCAA wrestling title in the 197-pound division;
29 therefore be it

30 RESOLVED, That the Senate congratulate The Pennsylvania State

1 University wrestling team on its 11th National Collegiate
2 Athletic Association Division I Championship and Pennsylvania
3 residents who competed and placed during the National Collegiate
4 Athletic Association Division I Wrestling Championship; and be
5 it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Senate congratulate Nino Bonaccorsi, Aaron
7 Brooks and Carter Starocci on their individual wins at the
8 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Wrestling
9 Championship and their individual awards; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate wish The Pennsylvania State
11 University wrestling team, all Pennsylvania native wrestlers and
12 all wrestlers of Pennsylvania universities continued success
13 both athletically and academically in the future.