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# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

## IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024**

## SENATE RESOLUTION

# HONORING RHODE ISLAND GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING PARTICIPANTS

Introduced By: Senator Jonathon Acosta

Date Introduced: March 07, 2024

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

WHEREAS, On March 7, 2024, a special ceremony will be held in the Rhode Island 1 2 Senate and House chambers to honor the Rhode Island top girls in Middle School and High 3 School Wrestling. This event, which will be taking place during Women in History Month, is 4 being organized by Rhode Island State Senator Jonathon Acosta and State Representative Joshua 5 Giraldo, and will honor and recognize these talented trail-blazing student-athletes for their great achievements. Some of whom will also have the honor of representing Rhode Island in the 6 7 upcoming New England Championship; and 8 WHEREAS, Girls' wrestling is the fastest growing sport in the United States and the goal 9 is to offer the same growth opportunities for girls' wrestling in Rhode Island. The dedication of 10 these athletes, and the hard work and support provided by their coaches, is an inspiration to 11 everyone in Rhode Island; and WHEREAS, The 2024 Middle School Girls' State Team Champion is the 12 Calcutt/Blackstone Valley Prep Middle School Co-Op Girls' Wrestling Team and the 2024 High 13 14 School Girls' State Team Champion is the Scituate High School Girls' Wrestling Team; and 15 WHEREAS, Earning first place honors in Rhode Island High School Wrestling are 16 Allison Patten of Pilgrim High School, 100 pounds, Daisey Hawkins of Scituate High School, 17 107 pounds, Angel Bui of Tollgate High School, 114 pounds, Kamie Hawkins, Exeter West Greenwich High School, 120 pounds, Katelyn Egan, Scituate High School, 126 pounds, Meili 18

Shao, LaSalle Academy, 132 pounds, Abigail Otte, Coventry High School, 138 pounds, Victoria

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      Salinas, Tollgate High School, 145 pounds, Maura Pendergast, Scituate High School, 152
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      pounds, Shalon Feliz, Mount Pleasant High School, 165 pounds, and Jinell Kelley, 235 pounds,
      Cumberland High School. Earning Second Place honors are Alyssa Marciano of North
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      Providence, High School, 100 pounds, Takara Clayborne of North Kingstown High School, 107
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      pounds, Jordan Richardson of Cumberland High School, 114 pounds, Kaedyn Minta-Jacobs of
      North Providence High School, 120 pounds, Ibriani Fargus-Cruz of Classical High School, 126
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      pounds, Darling Feliz of Classical High School, 132 pounds, Marley Bilotti of Ponaganset High
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      School, 138 pounds, Aubrey Hastings of Cumberland High School, 145 pounds and Yasmin Bido
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      of Hope High School, 165 pounds. Earning Third Place honors are Leah Jaiteh of Classical High
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      School, 107 pounds, Aylin Anariba of Tolman High School, 120 pounds, Maria Jolly of
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      Cumberland High School, 126 pounds, Taya Bagley of Scituate High School, 132 pounds, and
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      Jeskyiah Robinson of Juanita Sanchez High School, 165 pounds, and earning Fourth Place honors
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      are Emilee Maldonado of Mount Pleasant High School, 107 pounds, Gabriela Sarceno of Mount
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      Pleasant High School, 120 pounds, Cailin Tolppa of East Greenwich High School, 132 pounds,
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      and Faith Dumont of Scituate High School, 165 pounds; and
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             WHEREAS, Earning First Place honors in Rhode Island Middle School Wresting are
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      Tiffany Howard of Gallagher Middle School, 76 pounds, Deizyiah Taylor of Calcutt/BVP Co-Op,
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      97 pounds, Anna George of Warwick Vets Middle School, 104 pounds, Jolene Cole of Feinstein
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      Middle School, 114 pounds, Irie Byers of Wickford Middle School, 120 pounds, Aviyanna
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      Saunders of Nathaniel Greene Middle School, 141 pounds, Brooklyn Taylor of Esek Hopkins
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      Middle School, 159 pounds, and Dahnya Nicholson of Gilbert Stuart Middle School, 198 pounds.
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      Earning Second Place honors are Alijandra Robles of Delsesto Middle School, 76 pounds,
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      Annebel Shanks of McCourt Middle School, 97 pounds, Luisia Reina of Calcutt/BVP Co-Op,
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      104 pounds, Alia Goncalves-Moreira of Calcutt/BVP Co-Op, 114 pounds, Sydney Fratus of
      Feinstein Middle School, 120 pounds, Sophia George of Winman Middle School, 141 pounds,
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      Serenity Retana of Nathanael Green Middle School, 159 pounds, and Josephine Flynn of Deering
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      Middle School, 198 pounds. Earning Third Place honors are Bella Medeiros of Feinstein Middle
      School, 76 pounds, Aydin Alvarez, Esek Hopkins Middle School, 97 pounds, Alaina Reynolds,
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      Western Hills Middle Schools, 104 pounds, Jezabel Ortiz, Esek Hopkins, 114 pounds, Eden
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      Barrett, Warwick Vets, 120 pounds, Kennadie Piccardi, Burrillville Middle School, 141 pounds,
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      Lareanny Alvarez, Calcutt/BVP Cop-Op, 159 pounds, Hayden McGrafth, Calcutt/BVP Co-Op,
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      198 pounds, earning Fourth Place honors are Wileska Hunt, DelSesto Middle School, 76 pounds,
      Callie Elliott, Feinstein Middle School, 97 pounds, Zakiya Main, West Broadway Middle School,
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      104 pounds, Eva Viera, Broad Rock Middle School, 114 pounds, Lyla Malo, Feinstein Middle
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1	School, 120 pounds, Delaney Bagwell, Kickemuit Middle School, 141 pounds, Julissa Malero,
2	DelSesto Middle School, 159 pounds, and earning fifth place are Violet Jessop, Martin Middle
3	School, 76 pounds, Keila Flores, Feinstein Middle School, West Broadway Middle School, 104
4	pounds, Sophie Millisauskas, Barrington Middle School, 114 pounds, Finn Sullivan, Davisville
5	Middle School, 120 pounds, Christina Sans Souci, Ricci Middle School, 141 pounds, and Karl
6	Dynon, Nickford Middle School, 159 pounds. Earning sixth place are Sophie Shoop, McCourt
7	Middle School, 97 pounds, Gabriella Pettinato, Warwick Vets Middle School, 104 pounds, Ellery
8	Ammatuna, De Lasalle Middle School, 114 pounds, Elisabeth Pincins, Western Hills Middle
9	School, 120 pounds, Sofia Medeiros, Winman Middle School, 141 pounds, and earning seventh
10	place honors are Rose Sposato, Westerly Middle School, 97 pounds, and Emma Ray, Feinstein
11	Middle School, 104 pounds; and
12	WHEREAS, In addition, two girls who also earned first place honors in Rhode Island
13	Boys Middle School Wrestling are Chloe Ross, Feinstein Middle School, 126 pounds and earning
14	fourth place honors is Payton George, Winman Middle School, 88 pounds; now, therefore be it
15	RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby heartily honors and
16	celebrates all of the accomplishments of Rhode Island's top girls in Middle School and High
17	School Wrestling; and be it further
18	RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby supports all of women's and girls' athletics and
19	desires that Rhode Island girls' wrestling experience the same success it is currently attaining
20	across the nation, and it is fitting that we honor these young ladies during women's history
21	month; and be it further
22	RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
23	transmit a duly certifies copy of this resolution to Coach Eugene Monteiro, Calcutt/BVP Co-Op,
24	and Coach Serge Bouyssou, Scituate.

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