

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING CUMBERLAND HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING COACH STEVE  
GORDON ON WINNING HIS 500TH DUAL-MEET

Introduced By: Senators Pearson, Picard, Lombardo, Nesselbush, and Conley

Date Introduced: April 16, 2015

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Since 1968, Steve Gordon has been a fixture in the sport of wrestling, both  
2 in Cumberland and in the State of Rhode Island. Steve's leadership skills, ability to motivate, and  
3 his abiding concern for the well-being of the student-athletes in his care are unparalleled in the  
4 history of Rhode Island Interscholastic Athletics; and

5 WHEREAS, In Steve's illustrious career he has won four state titles, coached numerous  
6 All-State Wrestlers, and has been a highly respected and beloved figure in the sport of wrestling  
7 in our state. Perhaps Hendricken Wrestling Head Coach Kevin Hennessy best described Coach  
8 Gordon's importance to the wrestling community in Rhode Island when he said, "Steve is Rhode  
9 Island Wrestling" and "When Steve gets up at a coaches' meeting to speak, the room goes silent.  
10 He is the go-to guy for all of us coaches. When I need an explanation of something, I just call  
11 Steve"; and

12 WHEREAS, Cumberland Head Coach Steve Gordon reached a milestone few will ever  
13 match when he won his 500<sup>th</sup> career dual-meet when his team defeated Narragansett High School  
14 in a dominating performance by the score of 63 to 15. Even more remarkable is the fact that  
15 Cumberland High School Wrestling, when it won its 500<sup>th</sup> win, recorded all of these wins under  
16 the direction of one man, Head Coach Steve Gordon. This achievement is a testament to Coach  
17 Gordon's superb coaching ability and his longstanding record of excellence. He already will leave  
18 an unmatched legacy in Cumberland and one that few, if any, will ever match at the state level;  
19 now, therefore be it

1           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
2 hereby congratulates Cumberland Wrestling Head Coach Steve Gordon on winning his 500<sup>th</sup>  
3 dual-meet and we wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further  
4           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
5 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Cumberland High School Wrestling Head  
6 Coach Steve Gordon.

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