LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Saratoga Rowing Association's Girls Eight upon the occasion of capturing a gold medal in the Australian World Open Rowing Championships

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the State of New York who have inspired and brought pride to their school and community by achieving outstanding success in athletic competition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Saratoga Rowing Association's Girls Eight upon the occasion of capturing a gold medal in the Australian World Open Rowing Champion-ships; and

WHEREAS, The Saratoga Rowing Association comprised of Saratoga Springs High School seniors Caroline Murphy, Shannon Merboth, Alexis Georgia, Keni Wegner and Kerri Wegner, juniors Mackenzie Battle, Meghan Hampton and MacKenzie Hart, and sophomore Claire Murphy; the team won a gold medal at the Australian World Championships in the under 19 age division; and

WHEREAS, The Saratoga Rowing Association's Girls Eight practiced daily in near-freezing temperatures on Fish Creek; the world champions raced the 2,000-meter course in six minutes, 54.76 seconds winning over Swan River Composite by more than six seconds; and

WHEREAS, The team had previously performed admirably in major races in the United States, including a victory on the Charles River and Boston and was subsequently invited to the Australian World Championships; and

WHEREAS, Loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, and friends, the Saratoga Rowing Association's Girls Eight have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Saratoga Rowing Association's Girls Eight upon the occasion of capturing a gold medal in the Australian World Open Rowing Championships; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to members of the Saratoga Rowing Association's Girls Eight.