

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Queensbury High School Girls Cross Country Team and Coach Bob Underwood upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Class B Championship

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the value of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, The Queensbury High School Girls Cross Country Team are New York State Class B Champions; and

WHEREAS, The state meet was held at Queensbury High School for the first time in eight years, and the Lady Spartans were able to close out the day in thrilling fashion, edging out Pearl River by six points with a score of 86; the last time the Spartans hosted the state met, in 2005, they also walked away with a state championship, but it was the boys team; and

WHEREAS, Emily Guinther was Queensbury's first runner across, finishing 16th with a time of 18 minutes, 35.5 seconds; she was followed by Megan Kellogg, 24th (18:42.4), Danielle Soprano and Sherri Metcalfe, 35th (18:58.5) and 36th (18:58.9), Alexis Bartlett, 66th (19:27.4), Emily Atamanchuk, 89th (20:00.8), and Jennifer Messina, 107th (20:36.0); and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Bob Underwood, a skilled and inspirational mentor, respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record was outstanding; and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the Queensbury High School Girls Cross Country Team from the opening meet of the season to capturing the championship, were a sisterhood of athletic ability, of good sportsmanship, of honor and of scholarship, demonstrating that these team players are second to none; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, the team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Bob Underwood has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Head Coach Bob Underwood, and the Queensbury High School Girls Cross Country Team's outstanding athletes have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Queensbury High School Girls Cross Country Team and Coach Bob Underwood upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Class B Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Queensbury High School Girls Cross Country Team and to Head Coach Bob Underwood.