

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Pittsford-Mendon High School Boys Varsity Cross Country Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2015 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 Pittsford-Mendon High School Boys Varsity Cross Country Team captured their third consecutive New York State Class B Championship with an exciting 11 point triumph over Maine-Endwell on Saturday, November 14, 2015, at Monroe-Woodbury High School in Central Valley, New York; and

WHEREAS, With this victory, the Pittsford-Mendon Vikings have become the first Section V program, and eighth in state history, to win three consecutive New York State titles; and

WHEREAS, Prior to competing in the state finals, the Vikings achieved both their fourth straight Section V Championship and fourth straight Monroe County Championship; they also won the Class AA title at the prestigious McQuaid Invitational; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Pittsford-Mendon Boys Varsity Cross Country Team combined with the girls team to win the Jason DeJoy Memorial Cup, awarded for the fastest coed team time and named in honor of the late Pittsford-Mendon coach; and

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

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

WHEREAS, The Pittsford-Mendon High School Boys Varsity Cross Country Team, from the opening game of the season, to participation in the state championship, were a brotherhood 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 community; and

WHEREAS, Coach Chris Compson 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 these outstanding athletes, coaches, and staff 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 2015 Pittsford-Mendon High School Boys Varsity Cross Country Team; its members: Nathan Lawler, Griffin Hess, Henry Burton, Isaac Goodman, Sam Trawick, Casey Woodward, Connor Fitzgerald, and Oliver Smith; Coach Chris Compson; and Assistant Coach Stacy Barkstrom, on their championship season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the 2015 Pittsford-Mendon High School Boys

Varsity Cross Country Team, Coach Chris Compson, and Assistant Coach

Stacy Barkstrom.