LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Irvington High School Girls Cross Country Team upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2015 Fall Scholar Athletic Team Champion Award by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Irvington High School Girls Cross Country Team upon the occasion of their designation as recipients of the 2015 Fall Schoolar Athletic Team Champion Award by the New York State Public High School Athletic Association; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) presents the 2015 Fall Scholar Athletic Team Champion Award to exceptional high school sports teams who have compiled the highest overall team average in the state for their respective sports; and

WHEREAS, The Irvington High School Girls Cross Country Team captured this prestigious award by posting an outstanding academic average of 99.71; and

WHEREAS, The demanding practice schedule, combined with the ability to balance that with the requirements of a rigorous academic program, has paid off with a special honor; it is a credit to the Irvington High School Girls Cross Country Team's ability to compete at a high level on the field and in the classroom; and

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

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and these 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 Irvington High School Girls Cross Country Team; its members: Stephanie Ades, Sarah Boyle, Sydney Cuff, Naomi Gordon, Jayda Holifield, Zoe Mermelstein, Elizabeth Nutig, Emma Oros, Julia Paparo, Nicole Radlauer, Claire Song, on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Irvington High School Girls Cross Country Team.