

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Jessica Lawson upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Girls Track and Field 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, Jessica Lawson is the NYSPHSAA Girls Track and Field Champion; and

WHEREAS, A standout junior distance runner for the Corning Hawks, Jessica Lawson earned her second state championship in the 3,000 meters on Friday, June 10, 2016, and did so by breaking her own school record in the event; and

WHEREAS, As the top-seeded girls runner in the 3,000 meters at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association track and field championships, Jessica Lawson bested the field with a personal and school-record time of 9:24.36; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and accolades, Jessica Lawson was twice named the Gatorade State Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year for New York; she was named the 2015 New York State Girls Runner of the Year for cross country by the New York State Sportswriters Association; and

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

WHEREAS, Jessica Lawson's overall record is outstanding; she was loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, Jessica Lawson has proven herself to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on her school; and

WHEREAS, Coach Ray Lawson has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring Jessica Lawson towards her goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coach Ray Lawson and Jessica Lawson 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 Jessica Lawson upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Girls Track and Field Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jessica Lawson and Coach Ray Lawson.