

**BY:** Senator LARKIN

**CONGRATULATING** the North Rockland High School Boys Bowling Team and Coach Joanie Nelson upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Bowling Championship on March 5, 2017

**WHEREAS,** Individual and team championships are highly sought after in high school sports; this Legislative Body commends rare athletic achievements and pays special recognition to those who pursue such excellence and become examples for the youth of this great Empire State; and

**WHEREAS,** Athletic competition helps to enhance both the moral and physical development of young athletes, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the importance of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the North Rockland High School Boys Bowling Team and Head Coach Joanie Nelson upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Bowling Championship, on Sunday, March 5, 2017, at Gates Bowl in Rochester, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Proudly donning the school's colors of red and white, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Red Raiders throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive overall record; and

**WHEREAS,** In a sport such as bowling, which demands athletic prowess, precision, and adaptability, Coach Joanie Nelson and her expert coaching staff worked hard to hone the skills of this championship team, teaching these outstanding athletes lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the lanes; and

**WHEREAS,** Coach Joanie Nelson and all of the outstanding athletes on the North Rockland High School Boys Bowling Team have clearly utilized dedication, determination and teamwork in providing a lasting 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 members of the North Rockland High School Boys Bowling Team and Coach Joanie Nelson upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Bowling Championship on March 5, 2017; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the North Rockland High School Boys Bowling Team and Head Coach Joanie Nelson.

