

BY: Senator MARCHIONE

CONGRATULATING the Shenendehowa Boys High School Varsity Swimming and Diving Team and Head Coach Chuck Dunham upon the occasion of being ranked No. 1 in New York State by the National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association

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 Shenendehowa Boys High School Varsity Swimming and Diving Team and Head Coach Chuck Dunham upon the occasion of being ranked No. 1 out of 22 schools in New York State by the National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association (NISCA) in the Large School Category (950+ student body); and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of green and white, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Plainsmen throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 11-0 overall record, including winning the Section II Division I Swimming and Diving Championship; to the praise of their excited fans, the Plainsmen scored 503 points to beat the Bethlehem High School Boys Swimming and Diving Team by an impressive 151-point margin on Saturday, February 18, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Prior to capturing the Section II Division 1 Championship, the Shenendehowa Boys' High School Varsity Swimming and Diving Team won the LISCA Eastern States Championship with an impressive 554 points on January 21, 2017, at the Nassau County Aquatic Center; and

WHEREAS, In sports such as swimming and diving, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Chuck Dunham and Assistant Coaches Katie Mion and Dennis Hogan worked hard to hone the skills of this championship team, teaching these outstanding athletes lessons which will prove invaluable both in and out of the pool; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Chuck Dunham and all of the outstanding athletes on the Shenendehowa Boys High School Varsity Swimming and Diving 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 Shenendehowa Boys High School Varsity Swimming and Diving Team: Matthew Burns, Michael Catanzaro, Nate Constable, Zach Dahoda, Quinten De Man, Jake Eipp, Colin Fitzgerald, Yang Zheng Foon, Mike Galvin, Brian Harding, Frank Harnisher, Devin Herbinger, Erik Herrero, Jackson Homan, Joseph Homan, Kaleb Hotaling, James Jordan, Ryan Katinas, Ian Killane, Peter Kirkpatrick, Adam Kogan, Zack Lassetter, Jinwook Lee, Michael Leonard, Nick Lydon, Lance Meeson, Shrujay Rompicherla, Jack Ryan, Nick Salzone, Eric Scanlon, Eric Scott, Matt Stucchi, and Josh Tsai; Head Coach Chuck Dunham; and Assistant Coaches Katie Mion and Dennis Hogan upon the occasion of being ranked No. 1 in New York State, and winning the Section II Division 1 Swimming and Diving Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Shenendehowa Boys High School Varsity Swimming and Diving Team, Head Coach Chuck Dunham, and Assistant Coaches Katie Mion and Dennis Hogan.