

**BY:** Senator TEDISCO

**CONGRATULATING** the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Boys Varsity Cross Country Team and Head Coach Chip Button upon the occasion of capturing the Class B NYSPHSAA Cross Country Team Championship

**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 Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Boys Varsity Cross Country Team and Head Coach Chip Button upon the occasion of capturing the Class B NYSPHSAA Cross Country Team Championship; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Spartans won their 6th State Championship at Chenango Valley State Park on November 12, 2016; and

**WHEREAS,** Proudly donning the school's colors of maroon and white, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Spartans throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 13-2 overall record; and

**WHEREAS,** In a sport such as cross country, which demands speed and agility, Head Coach Chip Button and his skilled 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 field; and

**WHEREAS,** Coach Chip Button and all of the outstanding athletes on the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Boys Varsity Cross Country 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 Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Boys Varsity Cross Country Team: Michael Bashant, Tyler Berg, Kevin Board, Evan Brennan, Luke Gobel, Aidan Gillooley, Nick Hunziker, Ryan Leech, Michael Messere and David Metacarpa; and Head Coach Chip Button 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 Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Boys Varsity

Cross Country Team and Head Coach Chip Button.