

**BY:** Senator LARKIN

**CONGRATULATING** the Girls Freshman 4+ Newburgh Rowing Club and Coach Ed Kennedy upon the occasion of capturing the Silver Medal in the New York State Rowing 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 Girls Freshman 4+ Newburgh Rowing Club and Coach Ed Kennedy upon the occasion of capturing the Silver Medal in the New York State Rowing Championship on May 13-14, 2017, at the Saratoga Rowing Association, in Saratoga Springs, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Utilizing a grant given to the team from America Rows and Swims Newburgh and a Championship Grant from US Rowing, the Newburgh Rowing Club was able to bring their boats to compete; of their four boats, three advanced from the preliminaries to the finals; and

**WHEREAS,** The team's overall record is outstanding, and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

**WHEREAS,** In a sport such as rowing, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Ed Kennedy and Coxswain Michael LoBiondo worked hard to hone the skills of this championship team, teaching these outstanding athletes lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the course; and

**WHEREAS,** Head Coach Ed Kennedy and all of the outstanding athletes on the Girls Freshman 4+ Newburgh Rowing Club 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 Girls Freshman 4+ Newburgh Rowing Club: Karla Gunera, Citialy Garcia, Isabella Kavallanis and Eilleen Corrales; Head Coach Ed Kennedy; and Coxswain, Michael LoBiondo 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 Girls Freshman 4+ Newburgh Rowing Club, Head Coach Ed Kennedy, and Coxswain, Michael LoBiondo.