

BY: Senator TEDISCO

CONGRATULATING Olivia Jack upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Girls 100-yard Breaststroke Championship on November 18, 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, A standout swimmer for the Scotia-Glenville/Burnt Hills Ballston Lake Team, Olivia Jack earned her first state championship at the NYSPHSAA Swim meet on Saturday, November 18, 2017, in Ithaca, New York; and

WHEREAS, Olivia Jack won the 100-yard Championship with an incredible time of 1:02.06, beating her closest opponent by .71 hundredths of a second; and

WHEREAS, Olivia Jack's overall record is outstanding; the Pennsylvania State bound senior earned All-American status for the fourth straight year with this monumental win; in addition, she is the Section II record-holder in the 100-yard Breaststroke, and has won 11 Section II titles including eight in individual events; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Coach Dirk Francois has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring Olivia Jack towards her goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coach Dirk Francois and Olivia Jack 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 Olivia Jack upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Girls 100-yard Breaststroke Championship on November 18, 2017; and be it

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RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Olivia Jack and Coach Dirk Francois.