

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING the South Lewis High School Girls Cross Country Team and Coach Jack Bernard upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Class D 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 South Lewis High School Girls Cross Country Team and Coach Jack Bernard upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Class D Championship on Saturday, November 11, 2017, at Wayne High School; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Falcons scored 62 points in the team competition to defeat Greenwich of Section II and Maple Grove of Section VI to win the Championship; and

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

WHEREAS, In a sport such as cross country, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Jack Bernard and Assistant Coach Michele Liendecker 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 Jack Bernard and all of the outstanding athletes on the South Lewis High School Girls 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 South Lewis High School Girls Cross Country Team: Hali Ielfield, Marsella Ventura, Morgan Feisthamel, Isabelle Liendecker, Abbigail Durgan, Hannah Ielfield, Chloe Seller and Lexi Bernard; Head Coach Jack Bernard; and Assistant Coach Michele Liendecker 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 South Lewis High School Girls Cross Country Team, Head Coach Jack Bernard and Assistant Coach Michele Liendecker.