

BY: Senator DEFRANCISCO

CONGRATULATING Liverpool High School Senior Ty Brownlow upon the occasion of winning the 2016 New York State Class A Boys Cross Country Championship race

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the value of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, On November 12, 2016, at Chenango Valley State Park, Ty Brownlow won the New York State Class A Cross Country Championship race by finishing the rigorous 3.1 mile course in first place with a time of 15 minutes, 27.5 seconds, setting a course record; and

WHEREAS, Ty Brownlow's incredible State Championship win helped lead the Liverpool Boys Varsity Cross Country team to a third place finish at the 2016 New York State Class A Cross Country Championship, allowing the team to advance to the Nike Boys New York/Northeast Regional Cross Country race; and

WHEREAS, At the Nike Boys New York/Northeast Regional Cross Country race on November 26, 2016, at Bowdoin Park in Wappingers Falls, Ty Brownlow again finished in First Place by running the 3.1 mile trail in 15 minutes, 42.2 seconds, helping the Liverpool Boys Varsity Cross Country team finish in second place overall and, therefore earn a fourth-straight trip to the Nike Cross Nationals in Portland, Oregon on December 3, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The Nike Cross Nationals race at Glendoveer Golf Course offered athletes a premium, challenging championship venue and provided spectators with great viewing options at either around the course or at the grandstands near the finish line; and

WHEREAS, At the Nike Cross Nationals, Ty Brownlow finished 14th in the 195-runner field, and subsequently, earned All-American status; he was also selected for the All-CNY Team; and

WHEREAS, Ty Brownlow's overall record is outstanding; he was loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Tracey Vannatta has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring Ty Brownlow toward his goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Head Coach Tracey Vannatta has 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 to congratulate Liverpool High School Senior Ty Brownlow upon the occasion of winning the 2016 New York State Class A Boys Cross Country Championship race; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ty Brownlow.