

BY: Senator BONACIC

CONGRATULATING Robb Munro upon the occasion of being named Men's Cross Country National Coach of the Year

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor those individuals of outstanding character within the State of New York who are dedicated to developing character and sportsmanship in our collegiate athletes; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Robb Munro upon the occasion of being named Men's Cross Country National Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, After graduation, Robb Munro attended Virginia Tech, and then transferred to the University of Delaware where he earned his bachelor's degree in History Education; he furthered his education by obtaining his master's degree in Education from the University of New England and a USATF Level II Certificate for Endurance Events; and

WHEREAS, An exceptionally gifted athlete, Robb Munro was both a New York State Class C/D Champion and All-American in the steeplechase at Sidney High School; in collegiate sports, he received 11 total varsity letters in cross country and indoor and outdoor track and field; and

WHEREAS, Robb Munro spent 11 years teaching at Bainbridge-Guilford Middle/High School in Bainbridge, New York; while there, he primarily coached the Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Teams; in addition, he worked with athletes in Harpursville and Greene; and

WHEREAS, Robb Munro then began his distinguished career at SUNY Delhi; after taking over the cross country and track and field programs, the college has produced 16 individual National Champions, 63 All-Americans, six Academic All-Americans and earned two National Titles; and

WHEREAS, In addition, under Coach Munro's luminous leadership, the SUNY Delhi men have won a conference title, two regional titles and placed third at the National Championships three times; the women have been runners-up in the conference and the region twice and also placed third at the National Championships in 2013; and

WHEREAS, The track teams have fared even better; the men and women swept the regional titles in 2014 and 2015, and the women went on to win the National Championship in 2014, the 20th National Title in SUNY Delhi Athletics history, and the men were National Runners-up, just seven points behind the winners; and

WHEREAS, In 2015, the men's team won the National Championship and the women's team were the runners-up; the men's team also established a

new Championship record for points scored and winning margin; and

WHEREAS, During the last two seasons, the SUNY Delhi Track and Field Team have produced 48 All-Americans; in 2016, the team placed first in the USCAA, and the men's team won the USCAA National Invitational while the women placed fourth; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Stephanie, and his two sons, Liam and Finley, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Coach Robb Munro has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coach Robb Munro and his outstanding athletes have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their school; and

WHEREAS, Coach Robb Munro's positive demeanor, selfless commitment, and caring concern have contributed to his enduring success as a coach and mentor, earning him the just respect and admiration of his community, his peers, and the athletes he has so ably coached; and

WHEREAS, With his unrelenting commitment to the SUNY Delhi Cross Country and Track and Field Teams, Robb Munro is the quintessential selection as Coach of the Year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Robb Munro upon the occasion of being named Men's Cross Country National Coach of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Robb Munro.