

BY: Senator TEDISCO

CONGRATULATING the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School Boys Varsity Cross Country Team and Head Coach Chip Button upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Class B Cross Country Team Championship on November 10, 2018

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 Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Boys Varsity Cross Country Team and Head Coach Chip Button upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Class B Cross Country Team Championship; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Spartans won their third straight State Championship at Sunken Meadow State Park in Smithtown, New York, on Saturday, November 10, 2018; and

WHEREAS, The team has now won their 20th Section 2 Championship, their 8th State Championship, and demonstrated their superlative teamwork by earning their second best finish ever by a Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Cross Country team by finishing second at the Nike Cross Country New York Regionals and thereby earning a trip to the Nike Cross Country National Championships in Portland, Oregon, where they placed 14th; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of maroon and white, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Spartans throughout their journey as they finished with an impressive Suburban Council dual meet record of 15-0; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as cross country, which demands speed and agility, Head Coach Chip Button and his skilled coaching staff 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, Coach Chip Button and all of the outstanding athletes on the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Boys Varsity 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 Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Boys Varsity Cross Country Team: Ryan Allison, Tyler Berg, Kevin Board, Evan Brennan, Aidan Gillooley, Nick Hunziker, David Metacarpa, Ryan Sheppard, Zackary Scribner, Mikhail Troyan, and Dante Ubriaco; and Head Coach Chip Button 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 Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Boys Varsity Cross Country Team, Head Coach Chip Button, Athletic Director Joe Scalise, Principal Timothy Brunson and Superintendent Patrick McGrath, Jr.