

BY: Senator JACOBS

COMMENDING Canisius High School upon the occasion of hosting its 40th Annual Chilly Challenge 5K on March 24, 2019

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that the quality of the citizens of the State of New York is greatly enriched by its exceptional cultural, educational and recreational institutions and events; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Canisius High School upon the occasion of hosting its 40th Annual Chilly Challenge 5K on Sunday, March 24, 2019; and

WHEREAS, The Annual Chilly Challenge 5K will begin with a Mass officiated by Father Ciancimino in the Canisius High School student chapel; upon the culmination of the race, chili will be served and more than 180 awards will be presented in individual and team categories, including husband-wife, father-son, mother-son, father-daughter, mother-daughter, grandparent-grandchild, as well as three-person teams; and

WHEREAS, The Chilly Challenge began in 1979, as a way for the Canisius High School track coach to gauge the condition of his distance runners in February; and

WHEREAS, Chris O'Brien, Canisius High School Class of 1981, is credited with coming up with the name, "Chilly Challenge"; and

WHEREAS, In its early years, the race averaged 100-200 runners, and has grown to average 470 runners; and

WHEREAS, The Chilly Challenge is believed to be the longest consecutively run 5K race in Western New York; and

WHEREAS, The Chilly Challenge 5K promotes a healthy lifestyle with a focus on fun, family and community spirit; and

WHEREAS, The success of the Chilly Challenge 5K is in direct correlation to the efforts of its Director, George Chernowski Class of 1963, as well as its volunteers and participants, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the organization and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the Canisius High School Chilly Challenge 5K; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations and events of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Canisius High School upon the occasion of hosting its 40th Annual Chilly Challenge 5K on March 24, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to George Chernowski, Race Director, Canisius High School Chilly Challenge 5K.