

Assembly Resolution No. 557

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CONGRATULATING the Corning Boys Varsity Cross Country Team upon the occasion of capturing NYSPHSAA Class A Cross Country 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 Corning Boys Varsity Cross Country Team upon the occasion of capturing NYSPHSAA Class A Cross Country Championship on Saturday, November 13, 2021, at Chenango Valley State Park, Chenango Forks, New York; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Hawks team score of 30 points was one of the lowest in State Champion Meet history; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, prior to clinching the Championship, this extraordinary team won the Southern Tier Athletic Conference Championship Meet on Saturday, October 23, 2021, with a perfect score of 15 points, as well as the Section Four State Qualifier Championship Meet on Thursday, November 4, 2021, with a perfect score of 15 points; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of black and gold, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Hawks throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive overall record and ranked 15th in the Nation; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as cross country, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Ray Lawson and his expert 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 Ray Lawson and all of the outstanding athletes on the Corning 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 Corning Boys Varsity Cross Country Team: Jack Gregorski, Ashton Bange, J. Matthew Gensel, Tevin McLaren, Gabe

Cornfield, Josh Beres and Marcus Homa; Head Coach Ray Lawson; Assistant Coach Andrew Cartwright; and Volunteer Coach Thomas Ketchum 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 Corning Boys Varsity Cross Country Team, Head Coach Ray Lawson, Assistant Coach Andrew Cartwright and Volunteer Coach Thomas Ketchum.