

BY: Senator ASHBY

CONGRATULATING Ava Bachta upon the occasion of winning the NYSPHSAA Giant Slalom Championship on February 26, 2024

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 Ava Bachta upon the occasion of winning the NYSPHSAA Giant Slalom Championship; to the praise and applause of her excited fans, she outperformed all of her competitors in a landmark victory to win the Championship on Monday, February 26, 2024, at Whiteface Mountain in Lake Placid, New York; and

WHEREAS, Family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported Ava Bachta throughout her journey as she ended her season with the giant slalom championship title with a combined race time of 1:52.31; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as skiing, which demands athletic prowess, speed, and agility, her Head Coach Dan Spigner worked hard to hone the skills of this championship skier, teaching this outstanding athlete lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the slopes; and

WHEREAS, Truly dedicated to her sport, Ava Bachta skis seven days a week while maintaining commendable academic standing; this student athlete participates in honor classes and has been named to the high honor roll each quarter of the school year; and

WHEREAS, Ava Bachta is a multi-sport athlete, participating in both soccer and lacrosse in addition to skiing; she has been named a Times Union Athlete of the Week twice during this winter school competition season for her outstanding athletic performances; and

WHEREAS, A testament to her significant talent and skill, Ava Bachta was selected to be a member of the New York State Alpine Team that competed in the Eastern Championship at Attitash Mountain in March of 2024; and

WHEREAS, Ava Bachta is also the only U16 female in the Eastern United States to be a recipient of the SYNC Athlete Fund, recognizing potential future elite athletes; and

WHEREAS, Coach Dan Spigner and champion athlete Ava Bachta have clearly utilized dedication, determination, and resilience in providing a lasting contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of this State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Ava Bachta of Shaker High School and Head Coach Dan Spigner on their outstanding season; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ava Bachta and Head Coach Dan Spigner.