

BY: Senator O'MARA

CONGRATULATING Madison Tuttle upon the occasion of capturing the 2024 Adidas Indoor Nationals Track and Field Championship in the 1-mile racewalk

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 Madison Tuttle upon the occasion of capturing the 2024 Adidas Indoor Nationals Track and Field Championship in the 1-mile racewalk on March 15 through 17, 2024, at the Virginia Beach Sports Center in Virginia Beach, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of her excited fans, Madison Tuttle won the 1-mile racewalk against nine competitors; she also secured All-American status for the second time, following her recent accolade at the New Balance Nationals in Boston, Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Madison Tuttle finished the racewalk with a remarkable time of 8:09.62 and outpaced the second-place finisher by a significant margin; and

WHEREAS, Exemplifying incredible adaptability and skill, Madison Tuttle earned recognition as a Co-MVP for winter sports in Schuyler by The Odessa File; and

WHEREAS, In the Spring of 2022, Madison Tuttle experienced an ACL injury; because of medical limitations this sparked an interest in racewalking; she had great success with the 2022-2023 winter indoor track season, placing first in a number of invitational and breaking school records; and

WHEREAS, Coming into this year's season highly motivated, Madison Tuttle broke her own record four times, winning the Section IV "Class C" Championship and Section IV State Qualifier, then competing at the NYSPHAA Championships where she made the podium placing 8th; she received a Federation Championship medal and reset her record again to a new time of 7:17.94; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by these young women is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Kelly Sterner and AD Rod Weeden, skilled as inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop

potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, Madison Tuttle's overall record is outstanding; they were loyally and enthusiastically supported by their family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Coach Kelly Sterner has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring this young woman towards her goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Madison Tuttle has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of her school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Madison Tuttle upon the occasion of capturing the 2024 Adidas Indoor Nationals Track and Field Championship in the 1-mile racewalk; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Coach, Kelly Sterner; AD, Rod Weeden; and Madison Tuttle.