

BY: Senator TEDISCO

CONGRATULATING Cole Evans of Ballston Spa High School upon the occasion of capturing the 2023 New York State Public High School Athletic Association Boys Giant Slalom Championship on Tuesday, February 28, 2023

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the value of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Cole Evans, who captured the 2023 NYSPHSAA Boys Giant Slalom Championship beating out Queensbury's Hudson Montgomery at Bristol Mountain in Canandaigua on Tuesday, February 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Utilizing outstanding talent, Cole Evans capped off a spectacular season posting a time of 2:14.10 across two runs being the first New York State male Alpine Ski Team State Champion from Ballston Spa, a trailblazer for many more talented young skiers to follow; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of purple and gold, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported Cole Evans throughout his journey as he recorded a 3rd Place finish in the Section 2 Championship in the Giant Slalom race, a 2nd Place finish at the Brandon Sherwood Memorial Giant Slalom, and 2nd Place at the Queensbury Invitational Giant Slalom; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this scholar athlete is due in great part to the efforts of a great team of coaches, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as skiing, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Mitch Huff, and Assistant Coach Kristine Phelps worked hard to hone the skills of this champion, teaching this outstanding athlete lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the course; and

WHEREAS, In light of his recent accomplishments, Cole Evans has brought honor and just pride to his school and community on the local, and State level; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Cole Evans of Ballston Spa High School upon the occasion of

capturing the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Boys Giant Slalom Championship; Head Coach Mitch Huff, and Assistant Coach Kristine Phelps on an outstanding season; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Cole Evans, the aforementioned coaches, Athletic Director David Sunkes, Interim Principal Richard Murphy and Superintendent Dr. Gianleo Duca.