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CONGRATULATING the Corning High School Boys Cross Country team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Boys Class A Cross Country Championship on November 12, 2022

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 High School Boys Cross Country team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Boys Class A Cross Country Championship on Saturday, November 12, 2022, at Vernon-Verona-Sherrill High School in Verona, New York; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Corning High School Boys Cross Country team captured the NYSPHAA championship title in the Boys Class A 5000 Meter Race; and

WHEREAS, In addition to this monumental win, the Corning High School Boys Cross Country team won the New York State Class A Cross Country Team Championship with a score of 60; and

WHEREAS, The Corning High School Boys Cross Country team's amazing performance and first place win at the NIKE New York Regional Country Championship led to them qualifying for the NIKE National Cross Country Championship in Portland, Oregon held on December 3, 2022; they ended their season of hard work by earning the title of 10th in the Nation; and

WHEREAS, The talented athletes who make up the Corning High School Boys Cross Country team include: Ashton Bange, Gabe Cornfield, Tevin McLaren, DJ Cornfield, Marcus Homa, Joshua Beres, and Jaxyn Mahoney; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as long distance running, which demands stamina, speed and determination, Head Coach Ray Lawson, Assistant Coach Andrew Cartwright, and Volunteer Thomas Ketchum worked hard to hone the skills of these champions; teaching these outstanding athletes lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the track; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of black and gold, the team's family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Corning High School Boys Cross Country

team throughout their journey as they ended the season with an impressive overall record; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, the Corning High School Boys Cross Country team has clearly made a 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 Corning High School Boys Cross Country team upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Boys Class A Cross Country Championship on November 12, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Corning High School Boys Cross Country team, Head Coach Ray Lawson, Assistant Coach Andrew Cartwright, and Volunteer Thomas Ketchum.