

**BY:** Senator ASHBY

**CONGRATULATING** Maya Kelly, Kaitlin Bogucki, Molly Simmons, and Ava Weiss upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Championship in the 4 x 400 relay on March 8, 2025

**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 Maya Kelly, Kaitlin Bogucki, Molly Simmons, and Ava Weiss upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Championship in the 4 x 400 relay at the Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex in Staten Island, New York, on March 8, 2025; and

**WHEREAS,** Maya Kelly, Kaitlin Bogucki, Molly Simmons, and Ava Weiss proudly represented the Columbia Track and Field Program at the NYSPHSAA Championship and made history by winning the 4 x 400 relay with a time of 3:54.99, which is a new school record and third-fastest time in Section 2 history; and

**WHEREAS,** Proudly donning their school's colors, family members, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported Maya Kelly, Kaitlin Bogucki, Molly Simmons, and Ava Weiss throughout their journeys as they ended their season with an impressive record; and

**WHEREAS,** The athletic talent displayed by these young women are due in great part to the efforts of their coaches, whom are inspirational tutors and respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

**WHEREAS,** Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Maya Kelly, Kaitlin Bogucki, Molly Simmons, and Ava Weiss have clearly made contributions 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 Maya Kelly, Kaitlin Bogucki, Molly Simmons, and Ava Weiss upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Championship in the 4 x 400 relay on March 8, 2025; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Maya Kelly, Kaitlin Bogucki, Molly Simmons, Ava Weiss,  
and their Head Coach.