

**BY:** M. of A. Walsh

**CONGRATULATING** the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School Boys Cross Country Team and Head Coach Chip Button upon the occasion of capturing the 2025 New York State Class B Cross Country Championship

**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 Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Boys Cross Country Team and Head Coach Chip Button upon the occasion of capturing the 2025 New York State Class B Cross Country Championship on Saturday, November 15, 2025, at Queensbury High School in Queensbury, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Spartans were able to surmount their opponents in the New York State Class B Cross Country Meet to procure another state title; and

**WHEREAS,** These are not uncharted waters for the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Boys Cross Country Team, who have now won eight of the last nine New York State Class B Cross Country Team Championships; and

**WHEREAS,** Demonstrating their superlative teamwork throughout the season, the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Boys Cross Country Team also recorded the program's 25th Section 2 Championship, along with their 13th New York State Championship; and

**WHEREAS,** Proudly donning the school's colors of maroon and white, family, friends, and the community at large loyally supported the Spartans throughout their journey as the team also won the Suburban Council Gray Division, finishing with a Suburban Council dual meet record of 12-1; and

**WHEREAS,** In a sport such as Cross Country, which demands speed, agility, and mental fortitude, Head Coach Chip Button and his skilled coaching staff worked hard to hone the skills of this championship team, teaching these outstanding athletes lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the course; and

**WHEREAS,** The team has embodied the term "scholar-athletes," achieving enviable success in the classroom with a team wide grade point average of 95.6 percent; and

**WHEREAS,** Coach Chip Button and all of the outstanding athletes on the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Boys Cross Country Team have clearly utilized dedication, determination and teamwork in providing a lasting 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 members of the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Boys Cross Country Team: Jackson Cooper, Caden Flores, Nolan Gillooley, Liam Herbage, Cooper Johnston, Jackson Majewski, Logan Muller, Ethan Owen, Luca Piccirillo, and Dylan Piel; and Head Coach Chip Button on their truly legendary and successful season; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Boys Cross Country Team, Head Coach Chip Button, Athletic Director Joe Scalise, Principal Timothy Brunson and Superintendent Patrick McGrath, Jr.