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CONGRATULATING the Shenendehowa High School Girls Varsity Cross Country Team and Head Coach Rob Cloutier upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Federation Cross Country Team 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 healthy living, and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Shenendehowa High School Girls Varsity Cross Country Team and Head Coach Rob Cloutier upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Federation Cross Country Team Championship; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, this group of dedicated scholar-athletes won their first-ever Federation Championship at Bowdoin Park in Wappingers Falls, New York, on Saturday, November 22, 2025; and

WHEREAS, The Federation title garnered this exceptional team an invite to the 2025 Nike Cross Nationals where the team competed under the name "Clifton Park" and finished 12th with a team score of 318 points at the Glendoveer Golf Course in Portland, Oregon, on Saturday, December 6, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Prior to their Federation success, the Shenendehowa High School Girls Varsity Cross Country Team won the Class A Title at the NYSPHSAA Girls Cross Country Championships held on Saturday, November 15th, 2025, at Queensbury High School in Queensbury, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Shenendehowa High School Girls Varsity Cross Country Program now boasts three State Championships, demonstrating their superlative teamwork, which has been a mainstay for this elite track-and-field program; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of green and white, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the team throughout their journey as they, once again, finished with an impressive Suburban Council dual meet record of 10-2 and an overall record of 32-2; and

WHEREAS, In a sport, such as cross country, which demands speed and agility, Head Coach Rob Cloutier 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 teamwide grade point average of 94.05 percent; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Rob Cloutier and all the outstanding athletes on the Shenendehowa High School Girls Varsity 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 Shenendehowa High School Girls Varsity Cross Country Team: Emma Anderson, Katherine Battle, Alexandra Beer, Leyla Bhusri, Gia Bronzell, Sophie Cottrell, Moira Glynn, Jaelyn Gort, Meghan Grizzaffi, Alaina Keller, Courtney Krawiecki, Raquelle Landa, Emma Littlejohn, Olivia Littlejohn, Amelia Lyden, Riley Lynch, Addison Morelli, Lanna Schmitz, Julia Sinnott, Kaitlin Spinner, and Sidney Updyke; Assistant Coaches, Bill Tindale, Rachel Venditti, Stefanie Berggren, Noah Tindale, Kristen Hislop, and Beth Haig; and Head Coach Rob Cloutier on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Shenendehowa High School Girls Varsity Cross Country Team, Head Coach Rob Cloutier, the aforementioned Assistant Coaches, Athletic Director Lucas LaBarre, Principal Ron Agostinoni, and Interim Superintendent Dr. Cecily Wilson-Turner.