BY: M. of A. Zebrowski

**CONGRATULATING** the North Rockland High School Boys Bowling Team and Coach Joan Nelson upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Division 1 Bowling Championship on March 11, 2018

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 North Rockland High School Boys Bowling Team and Head Coach Joan Nelson upon the occasion of capturing their second straight NYSPHSAA Division 1 Bowling Championship on Sunday, March 11, 2018, at the Onondaga County Convention Center in Syracuse, New York; and

WHEREAS, The North Rockland High School Boys Bowling Team defeated East Islip High School by 288 pins to best the nine-team field and repeat as NYSPHSAA Champions; the Red Raiders are just the fifth team in history to successfully defend their state title; and

WHEREAS, Right from the beginning, the Red Raiders led the field with a 1,018 game, and never relinquished their lead; the team did not make any substitutions throughout the tournament, and all five starters finished in the top 16 of the field individually; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of red and white, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Red Raiders throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive overall record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as bowling, which demands athletic prowess, precision, and adaptability, Coach Joan Nelson and her expert 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 lanes; and

WHEREAS, Coach Joan Nelson and all of the outstanding athletes on the North Rockland High School Boys Bowling 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 North Rockland High School Boys Bowling Team: Joseph Ardiri, Dylan Bulusan, Matthew Cona, Joshua Cruz, Phoenix Dalto, Nicholas Simeone, Nicholas Truiano, and Nicholas Varano; and

Coach Joan Nelson upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Division 1 Bowling Championship on March 11, 2018; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the North Rockland High School Boys Bowling Team and Head Coach Joan Nelson.