BY: Senator FUNKE

CONGRATULATING Anna Schriefer upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA 2019 Nordic Skiing Girls Individual Classic 7.5k on February 25, 2019

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, A standout ski racer for the Mendon High School Vikings, Anna Schriefer won the Nordic Skiing New York State Championship in the Girls Individual Classic 7.5k with an impressive time of 28:02.6 on Monday, February 25, 2019, at Gore Mountain Ski Resort in North Creek, New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this exceptional athlete was the recipient of the Section V Sportsmanship Award; Anna Schriefer truly exemplified the ideals of sportsmanship with ethical behavior, fair play, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by Anna Schriefer is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Brian Lilly and his expert coaching staff, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, Anna Schriefer's overall record is outstanding; throughout the season, she only lost one individual race, and was loyally and enthusiastically supported by her family, teammates, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, Anna Schriefer has proven herself to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on her school; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Brian Lilly has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring Anna Schriefer towards her goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Anna Schriefer has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of her school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Anna Schriefer upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA

2019 Nordic Skiing Girls Individual Classic 7.5k on February 25, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anna Schriefer and to Head Coach Brian Lilly.