

BY: Senator AKSHAR

CONGRATULATING Parker Stokes upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Division II 3000 meter Steeplechase Championship on June 8, 2019

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the value of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, A standout senior steeplechase runner for the Maine-Endwell Spartans, Parker Stokes earned his third state championship in the 3000 meter Steeplechase on Saturday, June 8, 2019, at Middletown High School in Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Parker Stokes won this grueling 7 1/2 lap event with an outstanding time of 9:02.48, beating the second place finisher by 14.33 seconds; and

WHEREAS, Parker Stokes' overall record is outstanding; he was loyally and enthusiastically supported by his family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, Parker Stokes has proven himself to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on his school; and

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

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Parker Stokes upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Division II 3000 meter Steeplechase Championship on June 8, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Parker Stokes.