

BY: Senator O'MARA

CONGRATULATING Zach Elliott upon the occasion of capturing the 2019 NYSPHSAA Outdoor Track and Field Division II Championship in the boys shot put throw

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the State of New York who, by achieving outstanding success in athletic competition, have inspired and brought pride to their school and community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Zach Elliott upon the occasion of capturing his first NYSPHSAA Outdoor Track and Field Division II Championship in the boys shot put throw on Saturday, June 8, 2019, at Middletown High School in Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Odessa-Montour Central School senior track and field star Zach Elliott won the title with an amazing throw of 55'6", beating the second place finisher by five inches; with this monumental win, he became his school's first track and field New York State Champion; and

WHEREAS, Zach Elliott has been a member of the track and field team for five years; during his dominant 2019 season, he broke the school record he previously broke the year before, and broke the league record as well; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of maroon and white, his parents Dave and Kelly Elliott, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported Zach Elliott throughout his journey as he ended his season with an impressive overall record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as shot put throw, which demands strength, concentration and agility, Coaches Skip Strobel and Jake Edelman worked hard to hone the skills of this champion, teaching this outstanding athlete lessons which will prove invaluable both in and out of the throw pit; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Zach Elliott 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 Zach Elliott upon the occasion of capturing the 2019 NYSPHSAA Outdoor Track and Field Division II Championship in the boys shot put throw; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Zach Elliott, and Coaches Skip Strobel and Jake Edelman.

