

BY: Senator O'MARA

CONGRATULATING Lindsey Butler upon the occasion of capturing the Girls 800-meter NYSPHSAA Outdoor Track and Field Championship on June 7, 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Lindsey Butler upon the occasion of capturing the Girls 800-meter NYSPHSAA Outdoor Track and Field Championship on Friday, June 7, 2019, at Middletown High School in Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, In addition to this monumental win, Lindsey Butler was crowned the NYSPHSAA Champion in the Girls 600-meter Indoor Track and Field Championship on Saturday, March 2, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Number one seed Lindsey Butler won the Girls 800-meter race with an outstanding time of 2:06.88, just a second faster than the runner-up; her incredibly fast time knocked off a 35-year-old Section 4 record; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of black and gold, her family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported Lindsey Butler throughout her journey as she ended her season with an impressive overall record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as track and field, which demands endurance, speed and agility, Coaches Joe Melanson, Ray Lawson, Andrew Cartwright, and Kale Wilcox have worked hard to hone the skills of this champion, teaching this outstanding athlete lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the track; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Lindsey Butler 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 Lindsey Butler upon the occasion of capturing the Girls 800-meter NYSPHSAA Outdoor Track and Field Championship on Friday, June 7, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lindsey Butler, and Coaches Joe Melanson, Ray Lawson, Andrew Cartwright, and Kale Wilcox.