

**BY:** Senator O'MARA

**CONGRATULATING** four members of the Corning Painted Post High School Girls Outdoor Track Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2019 New Balance Outdoor Nationals Track and Field Championship in the 1600m Sprint Medley Relay on June 15, 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 four members of the Corning Painted Post High School Girls Outdoor Track Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2019 New Balance Outdoor Nationals Track and Field Championship in the 1600m Sprint Medley Relay on Saturday, June 15, 2019, at North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS,** To the praise and applause of their excited fans, Emma Brown, Elora Ferrie, Jayla Skeete, and Lindsey Butler won the 1600m Sprint Medley Relay with an outstanding time of 3:58.71; currently, they are ranked number 1 in the Nation; and

**WHEREAS,** The athletic talent displayed by these young women is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Joe Melanson and Assistant Coaches Ray Lawson and Andrew Cartwright, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

**WHEREAS,** Each athlete's overall record is outstanding; they were loyally and enthusiastically supported by their family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

**WHEREAS,** Athletically and academically, Emma Brown, Elora Ferrie, Jayla Skeete, and Lindsey Butler have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

**WHEREAS,** Head Coach Joe Melanson has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring these young women towards their goals; and

**WHEREAS,** Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Head Coach Joe Melanson, Emma Brown, Elora Ferrie, Jayla Skeete, and Lindsey Butler have clearly made a

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 four members of the Corning Painted Post High School Girls Outdoor Track Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2019 New Balance Outdoor Nationals Track and Field Championship in the 1600m Sprint Medley Relay; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Emma Brown, Elora Ferrie, Jayla Skeete, and Lindsey Butler; Head Coach, Joe Melanson; and Assistant Coaches, Ray Lawson and Andrew Cartwright.