

BY: Senator TEDISCO

CONGRATULATING the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School Boys Varsity Cross Country Team and Head Coach Chip Button upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Federation Cross Country Team Championship on November 20, 2021

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 healthy living, and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Boys Varsity Cross Country Team and Head Coach Chip Button upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Federation Cross Country Team Championship; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Spartans won their third straight Federation Championship at Bowdoin Park in Wappingers Falls, New York, on Saturday, November 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS, The team has now won their 22nd Section 2 Championship, their fifth consecutive Class B Championship, and demonstrated their superlative teamwork, which has been a mainstay for this elite track and field program; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of maroon and white, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Spartans throughout their journey as they once again finished with an impressive Suburban Council dual meet record prior to their post season success; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as cross country, which demands speed and agility, Head Coach Chip Button and his skilled coaching staff worked hard to hone the skills of this championship team, teaching these outstanding athletes lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the course; and

WHEREAS, Coach Chip Button and all the outstanding athletes on the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Boys Varsity Cross Country Team have clearly utilized dedication, determination, and teamwork in providing a lasting 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 the members of the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Boys Varsity

Cross Country Team: Ryan Allison, Keller Casey, Brody Dugan, Peter Fulgieri, Nicholas Grock, Silas Marvin, Cayden Robleno, Matthew Rounds,

Ben Smith, and Matthew Windecker; and Head Coach Chip Button on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Boys Varsity Cross Country Team, Head Coach Chip Button, Athletic Director Joe Scalise, Principal Timothy Brunson and Superintendent Patrick McGrath, Jr.