Senate Resolution No. 1069

BY: Senator O'MARA

CONGRATULATING Gyasi Ruffin upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Division I Indoor Track and Field Championship in the 600 Meter Run on March 4, 2023

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 Gyasi Ruffin upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Division I Indoor Track and Field Championship in the 600 Meter Run on Saturday, March 4, 2023, at the Ocean Breeze Track and Field Facility in Staten Island, New York; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of his excited fans, Corning High School senior Gyasi Ruffin placed 1st among public school athletes in the 600 Meter Run; his time of 1:20.60 is a new school record in the event; and

WHEREAS, In addition to this monumental feat, Gyasi Ruffin also set the school record in the 300 Meter Dash with a time of 35.64; and

WHEREAS, Gyasi Ruffin went on to compete at Indoor Nationals in Boston, Massachusetts as a member of the Corning Distance Medley Relay, which finished 11th in the Nation; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as long distance running, which demands stamina, speed and determination, Head Coach Ray Lawson and Assistant Coaches Tom Ketchum, Joe Melanson, and Kale Wilcox 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, Proudly donning the school's colors of black and gold, his family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported Gyasi Ruffin throughout his journey as he ended his season with an impressive overall record; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Gyasi Ruffin 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 Gyasi Ruffin upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Division I Indoor Track and Field Championship in the 600 Meter Run on March 4, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gyasi Ruffin, Head Coach Ray Lawson and Assistant Coaches Tom Ketchum, Joe Melanson, and Kale Wilcox.