

**BY:** Senator MARTINS

**CONGRATULATING** the Manhasset Boys Varsity Cross Country Team and Coaches Steve Steiner and Kevin Kearney upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Class B Championship

**WHEREAS,** Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and

**WHEREAS,** Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the value of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

**WHEREAS,** On November 16, 2024, the septet of Manhasset runners torched the field in the New York State Class B Championships held in Queensbury, New York, blitzing to a 49-point score win over the second place Pittsford-Mendon; and

**WHEREAS,** In recognition of Manhasset's historic first ever Cross-Country State Championship, the team will be honored with a parade and ceremony on Saturday, December 7, 2024; and

**WHEREAS,** The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coaches Steve Steiner and Kevin Kearney, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

**WHEREAS,** The team's overall record is outstanding, and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

**WHEREAS,** The hallmarks of the Manhasset Boys Varsity Cross Country Team, from the opening meet of the season to participation in the championship, were a brotherhood of athletic ability, of good sportsmanship, of honor and of scholarship, demonstrating that these team players are second to none; and

**WHEREAS,** Athletically and academically, the team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

**WHEREAS,** Coaches Steve Steiner and Kevin Kearney have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

**WHEREAS,** Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and these outstanding athletes and their coaches 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 the members of the Manhasset Boys Varsity Cross Country Team: Nicolas Katsoulis, Blake Sealy, Braeden Jackelow, Stije Huinink, Alexander Armendariz, Ryan Boldi, Johnny Hogan Mychal Duffy, Cole Miller, and Max Tobar; and Coaches Steve Steiner and Kevin Kearney on capturing the New York State Class B Championship; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Manhasset Boys Varsity Cross Country Team and to Coaches Steve Steiner and Kevin Kearney.