Senate Resolution No. 512

BY: Senator MURRAY

CONGRATULATING Zariel Macchia upon the occasion of capturing the 2025 NYSPHSAA High School Indoor Track Championship in the 3,000-meter race

WHEREAS, Individual and team championships are highly favored 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 Zariel Macchia, upon the occasion of capturing the 2025 NYSPHSAA High School Indoor Track Championship in the 3,000-meter race, at the Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex on Staten Island, New York, on Saturday, March 8, 2025; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of her excited fans, William Floyd High School senior and track star, Zariel Macchia, captured her seventh career New York State Championship, running a national best time of 9 minutes, 21.73 seconds; additionally, this Olympic hopeful ran the anchor leg of Suffolk's intersectional relay, leading her school to victory in 10 minutes, 02.06 seconds; and

WHEREAS, Zariel Macchia has proven her athletic prowess in previous years; some of her accomplishments and titles include Cross Country Federation Champion, Cross Country State Champion, Track & Field State Champion, four consecutive Suffolk County Class A Cross Country titles, four-time All-American Honoree, three-time USATF National Youth 5K Champion, and membership in the United States Squad at the World Athletics U20 Championships; and

WHEREAS, Not only an outstanding athlete, Zariel Macchia is an active student; some of her activities include her serving as Captain of the Science Quiz Bowl Team and Captain of varsity track and field and cross country teams, art, culinary arts, computer programming, robotics, debate, STEP Science Club, and Science Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, In Shirley, New York, Zariel Macchia lives with her parents, Peter and Alexandra, and her siblings, Vidal, Coral, Peter, Leo, and Ellie; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride, and accomplishment, and Zariel Macchia has clearly contributed 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 Zariel Macchia upon the occasion of capturing the 2025 NYSPHSAA High School Indoor Track Championship in the 3,000-meter race; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Zariel Macchia.