Assembly Resolution No. 1353

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COMMEMORATING the 49th Anniversary of the Boilermaker Road Race in Utica, New York

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend significant events that contribute to the spirit, vitality, and well-being of the communities of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Boilermaker Road Race in Utica, New York, upon the occasion of its 49th Anniversary, marking nearly five decades of excellence in road racing and community celebration; and

WHEREAS, The Boilermaker Road Race began in 1978 to celebrate the Utica Boilers' 50th Anniversary and has grown into one of the premier 15K races in the United States, promoting health, fitness, and civic pride in the Greater Utica area and attracting world-class athletes and thousands of participants from across the globe; and

WHEREAS, This iconic event has become a signature celebration for the Mohawk Valley Region, uniting runners, spectators, volunteers, local organizations, and businesses in a powerful expression of community spirit and hospitality; and

WHEREAS, The Boilermaker has expanded to include a wide range of inclusive events, such as the 15K, 5K, youth runs, and wheelchair division, ensuring that people of all ages and abilities can participate in this extraordinary tradition; and

WHEREAS, Beyond the race itself, the Boilermaker embodies values of perseverance, wellness, and unity through its associated events, including the Health and Wellness Expo, opening ceremonies, military tributes, and the famed finish line celebration at the F.X. Matt Brewing Company; and

WHEREAS, As a nonprofit foundation, the Boilermaker continues to promote year-round wellness initiatives and community programming, including the Access Program, the Charity Bib Program, and the Community Garden, ensuring that its positive impact extends far beyond race day; and

WHEREAS, The 49th Anniversary of the Boilermaker Road Race, which will take place this year on Sunday, July 12, 2026, is a testament to the tireless efforts of its organizers, the dedication of its volunteers, and the enthusiastic support of the Utica community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, The Boilermaker represents the best of what New York State has to offer--determination, inclusivity, partnership, and pride in place; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Boilermaker Road Race, upon the occasion of its 49th Anniversary, and to recognize its continued tradition of excellence, service, and celebration of the human spirit; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Boilermaker Road Race and its organizing committee with the sincere congratulations and appreciation of this Legislative Body.