

Assembly Resolution No. 1493

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**CONGRATULATING** Cella McLaughlin upon the occasion of capturing the 2026 NYSPHSAA High School Indoor Track & Field Championship in the 55-meter hurdles 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 Cella McLaughlin upon the occasion of capturing the 2026 NYSPHSAA High School Indoor Track & Field Championship in the 55-meter hurdles race on Friday, March 6, 2026, at the Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex in Staten Island, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** To the praise and applause of her excited fans, Corning High School student Cella McLaughlin captured her third career, and second consecutive New York State Championship with a time of 7.89 seconds; and

**WHEREAS,** Cella McLaughlin has proven her athletic prowess in previous years; some of her accomplishments include a state title in the 2025 100-meter hurdles race, in which she also earned the federation title; in addition to the 2026 55-meter hurdles race indoor win, she helped the Hawks to a 6th place finish in the Girls 4x200 relay; and

**WHEREAS,** Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride, and accomplishment, and Cella McLaughlin 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 Cella McLaughlin upon the occasion of capturing the 2026 NYSPHSAA High School Indoor Track & Field Championship in the 55-meter hurdles race; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Cella McLaughlin.