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CONGRATULATING Cella McLaughlin upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Championship in the Girls 55-meter Hurdles on March 8, 2025

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 Cella McLaughlin upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Championship in the Girls 55-meter Hurdles at the Indoor Track & Field Championships at the Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex on Staten Island, New York, on Saturday, March 8, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Corning-Painted Post High School junior Cella McLaughlin took home the NYSPHSAA Girls 55-meter Hurdles Championship with an outstanding time of 8.03 seconds; and

WHEREAS, Family members, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported Cella McLaughlin throughout her journey as she ended her season with an impressive overall record; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this young woman is due in great part to the efforts of Coaches Ray Lawson, Joe Melanson, Tom Ketchum, and Kale Wilcox, all skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Cella McLaughlin has clearly made a significant contribution 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 NYSPHSAA Championship in the Girls 55-meter Hurdles on March 8, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Cella McLaughlin, and Coaches Ray Lawson, Joe Melanson, Tom Ketchum, and Kale Wilcox.