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Senate Resolution No. 2391

BY: Senator O'MARA

CONGRATULATING Taylor Farrell upon the occasion of winning the NYSPHSAA 1500-meter Race Walk on March 3, 2024

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 Taylor Farrell upon the occasion of winning the NYSPHSAA 1500-meter Race Walk on Sunday, March 3, 2024; to the praise and applause of her excited fans, the Corning-Painted Post Hawk outraced her opponents with a time of 6:40.09 - 13 seconds faster than all other competitors; and

WHEREAS, Taylor Farrell, always striving for excellence, is also the New Balance Indoor National Champion in the 1 Mile Race Walk with a time of 7:05.14, which set an impressive new meet record; this meet was held on Friday, March 8, 2024, at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston,

Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning her school's colors, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported Taylor Farrell throughout her athletic journey as she ended her season with a list of astounding accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, The time for Taylor Farrell was the 12th fastest time by a high school athlete in U.S. history in the 1500-meter race walk, the ninth fastest time in New York State history, and she is ranked fifth in the last 20 years, truly trailblazing the sport with her extensive accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Taylor Farrell plans on attending Suffolk University in Boston in the fall, where she will major in biology and continue competing on the track and field team; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as race walking which demands athletic prowess, speed, and agility, Head Coach Ray Lawson worked hard to hone the skills of this champion, teaching this outstanding athlete lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the track; and

WHEREAS, Coach Ray Lawson and State Champion Taylor Farrell have clearly utilized dedication, determination, and passion in providing a lasting 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 State Champion Taylor Farrell upon the occasion of winning the NYSPHSAA 1500-meter Race Walk on March 3, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to Taylor Farrell and Coach Ray Lawson.