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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating student-athlete Zola Golden upon the occasion of capturing the 400-meter Championship at the New Balance Outdoor Nationals

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the value of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the State of New York who, by achieving outstanding success in athletic competition, have inspired and brought pride to their school and community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate student-athlete Zola Golden upon the occasion of capturing the 400-meter Championship at the New Balance Outdoor Nationals in Greensboro, North Carolina on Sunday, June 15, 2014; and

WHEREAS, The New Balance Outdoor Nationals is the most prestigious post-season track and field championships for high school athletes and is the showcase for America's best elite and emerging high school talent; and

WHEREAS, Zola Golden, a junior at Arlington High School, took first place at the New Balance Outdoor Nationals with a time of 53.22 seconds to win the 400-meter Championship; and

WHEREAS, By winning this tremendous event, Zola Golden has earned

herself All-American honors; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed young woman also captured the New York State Public High School and Federation Championships in the 400-meters at Cicero-North Syracuse the previous weekend; and

WHEREAS, Zola Golden ran her best time of 52.82 seconds at the 47th Annual Glenn D. Loucks Games in White Plains; with this mark, she set a Section I record, and was ranked No. 2 in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Zola Golden's overall record is outstanding; she was loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Zola Golden has clearly made a 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 Zola Golden upon the occasion of capturing the 400-meter Championship at the New Balance Outdoor Nationals; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Zola Golden.