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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating James Burke upon the occasion of winning the New Balance High School Boys' Mile at the New York Road Runners Millrose Games

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate James Burke upon the occasion of winning the New Balance High School Boys' Mile at the New York Road Runners Millrose Games at the Armory in New York City, on Saturday, February 14, 2015; and

WHEREAS, A senior at Port Jefferson High School, James Burke was victorious at the New York Road Runners (NYRR) Millrose Games with a winning time of 4:11.25 ; and

WHEREAS, Coming into the Millrose Games, this esteemed young athlete captured a string of victories highlighted by a pair of wins in 1,000 meter races with the same exact time of 2:26.75; and

WHEREAS, James Burke's undefeated overall record of 11-0 is outstanding, and he was loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, James Burke has proven himself to be an unbeatable combination of talents, and now seeks to capture the New York State Championship at Cornell University on March 7, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and

accomplishment, and James Burke has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of his school and the entire Port Jefferson community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate James Burke upon the occasion of winning the New Balance High School Boys' Mile at the New York Road Runners Millrose Games; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to James Burke.