

## 2015-J1471

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Shenendehowa High School Boys 4x800m Relay Team and Coach Jason Burlingame upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Championship

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 the Shenendehowa High School Boys 4x800m Relay Team and Coach Jason Burlingame upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Championship on March 7, 2015, at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Shenendehowa Plainsmen won top honors in both the New York State Federation and Public School Championships with an outstanding time of 7:56.72 seconds; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this relay team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Jason Burlingame and his staff, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall season record is outstanding, and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the Shenendehowa High School Boys 4x800m Relay Team, from the opening meet of the season to participation in the championship, were a brotherhood of athletic ability, of good sportsman-

ship, of honor and of scholarship, demonstrating that these team players are second to none; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, the team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

WHEREAS, Coach Jason Burlingame and his dedicated staff have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coach Jason Burlingame and these four outstanding athletes have clearly made a 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 the Shenendehowa High School Boys 4x800m Relay Team; its members: Tyler Schmidt, Connor Buhrmeister, Mitchell Halpern, and Collin Rowe; Coach Jason Burlingame, and Assistant Coaches Lance Jordan, Mike Marino, and Scott Dochat on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Shenendehowa High School Boys 4x800m Relay Team, and Coach Jason Burlingame.