

## 2015-J3311

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Liverpool Boys Varsity Cross Country Team upon the occasion of winning the 2015 New York State Class A Cross Country Championship

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive athletics can be achieved only through rigorous training, mental and physical discipline, and a dedicated coaching staff; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those young individuals within our midst, who by achieving outstanding success in athletic competitions, have inspired and brought great pride to their school district and to their community; 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to hereby recognize and congratulate the Liverpool Boys Varsity Cross Country Team upon the occasion of winning the 2015 New York State Class A Cross Country Championship; and

WHEREAS, On November 14, 2015, the Liverpool Boys Varsity Cross Country Team dominated the New York State Class A Cross Country Championship at Monroe-Woodbury High School in Central Valley, New York, with an overall final race time of 16:32, defeating 8 other seven-person teams which had qualified for the race via sectional competitions; and

WHEREAS, The course, located at Monroe-Woodbury High School, had been carefully crafted over the last 10 years with this specific event in mind, and it delivered a challenging running environment in front of an

enthusiastic crowd; and

WHEREAS, The New York State championship allowed the Liverpool Boys Varsity Cross Country Team to participate at the Nike Cross Nationals in Portland, Oregon on December 5, 2015, at which the team finished strong, placing an impressive 10th overall in the Nation; and

WHEREAS, No team can succeed without hard work and collective talent, as is the case for the Liverpool Boys Varsity Cross Country Team members who participated in the State competition which include: Ben Petrella, Ty Brownlow, Stevie Schulz, Ryan Comstock, Terrell Coleman, Dan Hunt, and Gabe Albert; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent, and drive to win, displayed by the Liverpool Boys Varsity Cross Country Team is in great part due to the efforts of Coach Tracey Vannatta and Assistant Coach Andrew Dionne, who are both respected mentors for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, the outstanding members of the Liverpool Boys Varsity Cross Country Team proved to be a terrific combination of talent, skill and dedication during the entire season; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize and congratulate the Liverpool Boys Varsity Cross Country Team upon winning the 2015 New York State Class A Cross Country Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the aforementioned members of the Liverpool Boys Varsity Cross Country Team, Coach Tracey Vannatta and Assistant Coach Andrew Dionne.