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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending student-athlete Jackie Garso upon the occasion of capturing the 2016 New York State Girls Two Day Combined Nordic 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, 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, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to commend student-athlete Jackie Garso upon the occasion of capturing the 2016 New York State Girls Two Day Combined Nordic Championships held at the Olympic Ski Jump Complex at Lake Placid, New York, on Monday, February 22, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Garso, a senior at Saranac Lake High School, won the Girls Two Day Combined Nordic Championship with a commanding time of 23 minutes, 42 seconds was the fastest among all competitors by about two minutes; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Jackie Garso has become the first Saranac Lake Red Storm individual champion in more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed young athlete's overall record is outstanding

and she was loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Jackie Garso's exemplary performance is reflective of her dedication, determination and personal commitment; her achievements stand as a hallmark of what is best in the families, schools and communities across New York State; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Jackie Garso 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 commend student-athlete Jackie Garso upon the occasion of capturing the 2016 New York State Girls Two Day Combined Nordic Championship, and to congratulate her for the enduring honor she has brought to the Empire State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jackie Garso.