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Senate Resolution No. 1322

BY: Senator O'MARA

CONGRATULATING the Watkins Glen Boys Varsity Cross Country Team and Coach John Fazzary upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Cross Country Federation Championship

WHEREAS, Individual and team championships are highly sought after in high school sports; this Legislative Body commends rare athletic achievements and pays special recognition to those who pursue such excellence and become examples for the youth of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition helps to enhance both the moral and physical development of young athletes, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the importance of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Watkins Glen Boys Varsity Cross Country Team and Coach John Fazzary upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Cross Country Federation Championship on Saturday, November 19, 2016, at Bowdoin Park in Wappingers Falls, New York; the Senecas earned 145 points, edging out Burnt Hills-Ballston Spa High School by nine points; and

WHEREAS, Prior to this monumental achievement, the Watkins Glen Boys

Varsity Cross Country Team won the the NYSPHSAA Class C Championship on Saturday, November 12, 2016, at Chenango Valley State Park; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Senecas brought home their first ever state title in the school's history; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of navy blue and maroon, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Senecas throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive overall record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as cross country, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach John Fazzary and his expert coaching staff worked hard to hone the skills of this championship team, teaching these outstanding athletes lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, Coach John Fazzary and all of the outstanding athletes on the Watkins Glen Boys Varsity Cross Country Team have clearly utilized dedication, determination and teamwork in providing a lasting 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 members of the Watkins Glen Boys Varsity Cross Country Team and Head Coach John Fazzary upon the occasion of capturing the New York State Cross Country Federation Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Watkins Glen Boys Varsity Cross Country Team and Head Coach John Fazzary.