Senate Resolution No. 3523

BY: Senator LITTLE

CONGRATULATING Christopher Hughes upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Class C Cross-Country 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 Christopher Hughes upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Class C Cross-Country Championship on Saturday, November 11, 2017, at Wayne Central School, Ontario, New York; and

WHEREAS, Despite frigid temperatures and a muddy course, Christopher Hughes, a senior at Glens Falls High School, finished the 5-kilometer course in 16 minutes, 52.7 seconds, nearly 11 seconds ahead of the second-place runner; and WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of black and red, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported Christopher Hughes throughout his journey; he is the Indians' first state cross country champion; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as cross-country, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Larry Woods and his expert coaching staff worked hard to hone the skills of this championship runner, teaching this outstanding athlete lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the course; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Hughes has clearly utilized dedication, determination and teamwork in providing a lasting contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of his school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Christopher Hughes upon the occasion of capturing the NYSPHSAA Class C Cross-Country Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Christopher Hughes and Head Coach Larry Woods.