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Assembly Resolution No. 1398

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CONGRATULATING the Baldwinsville High School Girls
Junior 4 Crew Team upon the occasion of winning
their respective race in the New York State
Scholastic Rowing Championships

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

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those
young individuals within our community, who by achieving outstanding
success in athletic competitions, have inspired and brought great pride
to their school and 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
congratulate the Baldwinsville High School Girls Junior 4 Crew Team upon
the occasion of winning their respective race in the New York State

Scholastic Rowing Championships; and

WHEREAS, On a Junior 4 crew team, every athlete in the boat must be a junior in high school or younger; and

WHEREAS, On April 22, 2018, the Baldwinsville High School Girls Junior 4 Crew Team opened up their 2018 season strong, winning their race at the Ithaca Icebreaker; the Baldwinsville Junior 4 Crew Team subsequently won their race at the Central New York Championship regatta on May 6, 2018; and

WHEREAS, The Baldwinsville High School Girls Junior 4 Crew Team then advanced to the New York State Scholastic Rowing Association rowing championships held on May 12-13, 2018, in Saratoga Springs, New York; the 1500 meter course was located along Fish Creek, which feeds out of Saratoga Lake; and

WHEREAS, On Saturday, May 12, 2018, the Baldwinsville High School Girls Junior 4 Crew Team competed in their time trial race and won by 9 seconds, advancing them to the state championship race the following day; and

WHEREAS, The Baldwinsville High School Girls Junior 4 Crew Team began the tough state championship race competing closely with the City Honors High School team, and was able to take the lead halfway through the race; in a tight last stretch, the Baldwinsville crew kept themselves out front and won the State Championships by 1.7 seconds, crossing the finish line with a net time of 5:45.700; and

WHEREAS, The Baldwinsville High School Girls Crew Team has won several state championships over the years, last earning a gold medal in the Junior 4 event in 2014; and

WHEREAS, After winning their race in the state competition, the Baldwinsville High School Girls Junior 4 Crew Team advanced to the Scholastic Rowing Association of America Nationals Race on the Cooper River in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, where they placed fifth; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, the outstanding athletes of the Baldwinsville Girls High School Junior 4 Crew Team proved to be a terrific combination of talent, second to none; and

WHEREAS, No team can succeed without talent throughout its entire roster, as is the case with the Baldwinsville High School Girls Junior 4 Crew Team whose members include: Sydney VanAuken as Coxswain, Alena Criss as Stroke, Erin Mordaunt as 3 seat, Grace Skapura as 2 seat, and Hannah Norton as Bow; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by the Baldwinsville High School Girls Junior 4 Crew Team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Chris Ludden, Novice Coach Kimberly Holmes, Assistant Coach Meghan Garvey, and Volunteer Assistants Sara Herman and Alaura Francis, who are skilled and inspirational mentors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, Coaches Chris Ludden, Kimberly Holmes, Meghan Garvey, Sara Herman and Alaura Francis did a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the members of the Baldwinsville High School Girls Junior 4 Crew Team toward their goals; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Baldwinsville High School Girls Junior 4 Crew Team upon the occasion of winning their respective race in the New York State Scholastic Rowing Championships; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the aforementioned players and coaches of the Baldwinsville High School Girls Junior 4 Crew Team.