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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Warwick Valley High School Boys Cross Country Team and Coach Mike Potter upon the occasion of capturing the 2009 Section IX 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, Competing in the annual Section IX Championships at Bear Mountain State Park, the Warwick Valley High School Boys Cross Country Team finished with 35 total points to easily outpace their rivals and capture its 32nd title in the last 35 years; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Mike Potter and his outstanding assistant coach, Curtis Akacki, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record is outstanding, and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the Warwick Valley High School Boys Cross Country Team, from the opening meet of the season to participation in the Championships, were a brotherhood of athletic ability, of good sportsmanship, of honor and of scholarship, demonstrating that these team players are second to none; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, the team members have proven

themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on Warwick Valley High School; and

WHEREAS, Coaches Mike Potter and Curtis Akacki and their staff have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coach Mike Potter and the outstanding athletes on the Warwick Valley High School Boys Cross Country Team have clearly made a 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 Warwick Valley High School Boys Cross Country Team; its members: Joe Delaunay, Michael Fox, Grant Gadomski, Sean Houlahan, Connor Meade, Alec Miller, Evan Moore, Jared Olson, Grant Parrelli, Aaron Peterson, Peter Raleigh, Allan Roberts, Sam Sander-Effron, Ryan Stirt, Matt Anderson, Ray Farinella, Chris Fischer, Paddy Grandinali, Tom Layman, Don Schmidt, Adrian Stelmach, Andrew Wenman, Christian Barton, Chris Blaskovich, Connor Dineen, Colin Floss, Kevin Grosso, Tim Luthin, Dan Paez, Matt Rusek, Ian Sullivan, Chad Uckermark, Nick Hallman, Devin Hurley, Bryan Kelly, Mike Paris, Dan Ramirez, Adam Suleski, Rob Troia, Tyler Tafuto, Russell Tuttle and James Wu; Assistant Coach Curtis Akacki and Coach Mike Potter on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Warwick Valley High School Boys Cross Country Team, Assistant Coach Curtis Akacki and Coach Mike Potter.