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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the student body of South Glens Falls High School upon the occasion of participating in its 37th Annual South High Marathon Dance, benefiting numerous charities throughout its community

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the great Empire State who have made strong contributions to their communities and who serve as role models for their peers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the student body of South Glens Falls High School upon the occasion of participating in its 37th Annual South High Marathon Dance, March 7-8, 2014, benefiting numerous charities throughout its community; and

WHEREAS, According to the South High marathon dance website, the dance participants have been raising money for local charities for 37 years; this year, over 800 students, more than 80% of the student body, participated in raising a record-setting \$583,015 for 39 local recipients which includes individuals, families and local charities; and

WHEREAS, The dance marathon was started in 1978, the age of turntables and disco; it has morphed into a high-tech event involving not only the students, but the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, According to the GLENS FALLS POST STAR, each student was required to raise at least \$150 in order to participate; many raised more than \$1,000; four students raised more than \$10,000; and the elementary and middle school students together raised more than \$44,000; and

WHEREAS, Fundraising efforts included a 50/50 raffle, auction items donated by local businesses, and students going door to door to collect

pledges and online donations; and

WHEREAS, Under the able leadership of Superintendent Michael Patton and Principal Carla Biviano, as well as hundreds of volunteers from the community, this annual event brings together students from all grades; and

WHEREAS, This dance marathon is different from the old endurance contests of the past in which the last exhausted couple on the floor escapes the tap on the shoulder to win; the teenage dancers get a couple of hours to sleep, plenty of food and drinks and some other breaks from Friday night to Saturday night; there also are costume parades and opportunities to relax on the gym floor; and

WHEREAS, Dancing for 24 hours shows dedication and commitment; this annual event exemplifies the spirit of friends helping friends and neighbors helping neighbors, all of whom have come together for the past 37 years to benefit many worthy causes; and

WHEREAS, The participating students truly exemplify the best potential which is inherent in our most precious resource, our youth; together, they have brought enduring honor to their school, their families, and their community through their latest achievements; now, therefore, be it RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations, in recognition of the significance of this meritorious achievement, to congratulate the student body of South Glens Falls High School upon the occasion of participating in its 37th Annual South High Marathon Dance; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Superintendent Michael Patton and Principal Carla Biviano, South Glens Falls High School.