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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the student body of South Glens Falls High School upon the occasion of participating in its 38th 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 38th Annual South High Marathon Dance, March 6-7, 2015, 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 38 years; this year, over 850 students, more than 80% of the student body, participated in raising an unprecedented \$621,680 for 45 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, 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 raised \$621,680 bringing the grand total, over 38 years, to more than \$4.82 million dollars; and

WHEREAS, At the end of March 2015, the South High Marathon Dance Travel Team returned to Richmond, Virginia, for the 9th Annual Deep Run Marathon Dance which benefits several organizations including the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society; 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 38 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 38th 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.