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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating student-athlete Jamie Lord upon the occasion of being named Liberty League Women's Track Performer of the Year

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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the State of New York who, by achieving outstanding success in athletic competition, have inspired and brought pride to their school and community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate student-athlete Jamie Lord upon the occasion of being named Liberty League Women's Track Performer of the Year; and

WHEREAS, A distance runner and student at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), Jamie Lord of Stony Point, New York, began her season with an impressive First Place finish in the 1000 meters event at Bowdoin College; she also recorded a personal collegiate best time of 2:58.62 before winning the 3000 meters at Ithaca College with a facility record time of 10:06.16; and

WHEREAS, Jamie Lord followed up these remarkable performances with a second place finish in the 800 meters at Middlebury College with a mark of 2:19.91, and a First Place finish in the mile event at Dartmouth

College with 5:03.80; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this esteemed young athlete won the mile event with an exceptional time of 4:57.38 at the Liberty League Championship Meet, and captured third place in 800 meters, while also competing on her school's distance medley relay team which won first place; and

WHEREAS, During the New York State Championships, Jamie Lord helped her team win the Distance Medley Relay by breaking the school record by more than 25 seconds, and posting a time of 11:59.89; she also finished first in the 3000 meters at the Tufts University Final with a time of 9:45.58, giving her the third best time in NCAA Division III and the school record on a flat track; and

WHEREAS, To finish the season at the NCAA Meet, Jamie Lord broke her own school record with a time of 9:40.01 and helped the distance medley relay team to another school record of 11:55.17 and a ninth place finish; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and accolades, Jamie Lord earned National All-American honors by finishing in the top three in nine out of 10 races she competed in this season, including the 3000 meters at the NCAA Division III Indoor Track & Field Championship; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Jamie Lord was named Liberty League Track Performer of the Week four times during the regular season; and

WHEREAS, Jamie Lord's overall record is outstanding, and she was loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Jamie Lord has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of her school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate student-athlete Jamie Lord upon the occasion of being named Liberty League Women's Track Performer of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jamie Lord.