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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Benjamin Petrella upon the occasion of winning the 3,200 Meter Run in the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) Boys Outdoor Track And Field Championship

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, teamwork, and a dedicated coaching staff; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those young people within the State of New York who, by achieving outstanding success in athletic competition, 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, Benjamin Petrella, a senior at Liverpool High School, won the 3,200 meter run in the 2016 New York State Boys Outdoor Track and Field Championship on June 10, 2016 at Cicero-North Syracuse High School; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Petrella ran in the second of two heats in the final race of the evening on June 10; he ran neck in neck with a student from Carthage for the majority of the run, including most of the final lap; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Petrella used his energy to surge and break away down the final stretch to come in first, clocking in at 8:52.42; and

WHEREAS, In addition to this victory, Benjamin Petrella also set a record by running the fastest time ever for the boys 3,200 meter run at a New York State Championship meet; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, Benjamin Petrella has proven to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on his family, his school and the entire community; and

WHEREAS, The talent displayed by Benjamin Petrella is due in great part to the efforts of his coaches Jeff Abbott, Justin Albro, Mike Cabrinha, and Tracey Vannatta; these skilled coaches have helped develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, Throughout Benjamin Petrella's final high school season, he was always loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, friends and fans from throughout the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Petrella has demonstrated outstanding athletic ability and good sportsmanship, proving that he is second to none; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin Petrella may stand with pride as he assesses his achievements and experience the action of his labors; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Benjamin Petrella upon the occasion of winning the 3,200 meter run in the 2016 New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) Boys Outdoor Track and Field Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Benjamin Petrella.