



A marathon victory

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I offer my sincere thanks to Hopkinton Marathon Committee Chair Dorothy Ferriter and the entire Marathon Committee, as well as the Hopkinton Athletic Association, for the terrific job they all did in coordinating this year's marathon. However, I would especially like to give a big thanks to Tim Kilduff, President of the Hopkinton Athletic Association, for making the 112th running of the Boston Marathon a magnificent event for Hopkinton and the entire MetroWest.

By bringing the Flame of the Marathon Run from Marathon, Greece to Hopkinton, Tim was instrumental in turning this year's marathon activities into a global affair. His efforts have helped to cement the status of the Boston Marathon - and Hopkinton as its start - as the most celebrated in the world.

In the past two weeks, Tim has been involved in a number of activities - the MetroWest Symphony Orchestra Kick Off Concert, during which he coordinated the unveiling of the George Brown statue; the Flame of the Marathon Run, which included not just a race but the transport of the Flame from the sacred battleground of Marathon, Greece to Boston, Ashland, and ultimately its resting place, Hopkinton, on its maiden voyage to the United States; and the presentation of the Flame to officials at the Massachusetts State House, during which Hopkinton was celebrated by the entire Commonwealth as the first U.S. home of the Flame of the Marathon Run.

These events were the culmination of years of planning and organizing, and the result of Tim's global vision and tireless dedication to the sport of marathoning.

I had the distinct pleasure of working with Tim throughout this entire process, and I commend him for his hard work and endless enthusiasm. I hope you will join me in thanking him for his contributions to Hopkinton, the MetroWest, and the Commonwealth and for the symbol of peace, brotherhood and fair sportsmanship that he helped bring to us this year.

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