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STATUE OF FAMED GREEK RUNNER TO BE UNVEILED IN HOPKINTON AS GIFT FROM NEW BALANCE

*‘Spirit of the Marathon’ Celebrates Greek Runner Stylianos Kyriakides’
Famous 1946 Win and Twin-city Relationship with Marathon, Greece*

WHO: **Dimitri Kyriakides**, Son of Stylianos Kyriakides; **Jim Davis**, New Balance Chairman and CEO; **Mico Kaufman**, “Spirit of the Marathon” sculptor; **Tim Kilduff**, Hopkinton Athletics Association President; **Tom Grilk**, Boston Athletic Association President; **Spyrou Zagaris**, Marathon Greece Councilman; **Peter Mezitt**, Weston Nurseries

WHAT: New Balance Athletic Shoe, Inc. will unveil the “Spirit of the Marathon” statue at the Mile One marker of the Boston Marathon as a gift to the Hopkinton Athletic Association. The bronze statue will celebrate one of the most memorable achievements in Boston Marathon history – the 1946 win against all odds by famed Greek marathoner Stylianos Kyriakides.

The “Spirit of the Marathon” statue is identical to the one commissioned by New Balance for the city of Marathon, Greece, which was the starting point of the marathon event during the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens. The statue is located on a plot donated by Weston Nurseries that is only hundreds of yards from “Lucky Rock,” the site of the 1946 Boston Marathon starting line. Sculpted by Tewksbury resident Mico Kaufman, the “Spirit of the Marathon” is the latest step in a budding twin-city relationship between Hopkinton and Marathon, Greece.

WHEN: Wednesday, April 12th
11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

WHERE: Weston Nurseries
Route 135
Hopkinton, MA
Mile One Marker of the Boston Marathon

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