

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Jestina McPherson-Dawson, Class of 2004, upon the occasion of her induction into the 2014 SUNY Delhi Athletic Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor those individuals whose exceptional athletic prowess leaves an enduring legacy in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Jestina McPherson-Dawson, Class of 2004, upon the occasion of her induction into the 2014 SUNY Delhi Athletic Hall of Fame, to be celebrated at an induction ceremony held during Alumni Weekend on June 6-8, 2014; and

WHEREAS, During her career at SUNY Delhi, Jestina McPherson-Dawson was a three-time Cross Country and Track and Field NJCAA All-American, twice in cross country, and once in track in the steeplechase; and

WHEREAS, In 1999, Jestina McPherson-Dawson was a member of the National Championship cross country team, which marked SUNY Delhi's first Women's National team title in any sport; she also earned All-Region and All-Conference honors several times; and

WHEREAS, An athlete of many accomplishments, Jestina McPherson-Dawson received the Coach's Award for cross country and track and field, and was the two-time recipient of Delhi's Female Athlete of the Year in 2000 and 2001; in addition, she qualified and competed both years at the National Indoor Track Championships, and competed on the swimming and diving team; and

WHEREAS, Jestina McPherson-Dawson attended Union Endicott High School; today, she is a loyal supporter of her Delhi alma mater; and

WHEREAS, Since graduating, Jestina McPherson-Dawson has continued to run many road races while raising five children and teaching Culinary Arts at Broome Tioga BOCES; and

WHEREAS, Athletes such as Jestina McPherson-Dawson provide a tremendous service to the future of our State and Nation, inspiring generations of student-athletes in their athletic journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; and

WHEREAS, Jestina McPherson-Dawson has clearly been an inspiration to the youth of SUNY Delhi, as well as to the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for her impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals who work to support our proud tradition of public education by providing their skills and talents to our students and our schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Jestina McPherson-Dawson, Class of 2004, upon the occasion of her induction into the 2014 SUNY Delhi Athletic Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jestina McPherson-Dawson, Class of 2004.