

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Webster Thomas High School Varsity Cheerleading Team upon the occasion of capturing First Place at the 2016 Contest of Champions Nationals Competition on March 5th, 2016

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, On Saturday, March 5th, 2016, the Webster Thomas High School Varsity Cheerleading Team won first place at the 2016 Contest of Champions Nationals Competition at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at Walt Disney World Resort, Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, The Webster Thomas Titans competed against six other teams in their division to capture the Championship; in addition, the cheerleaders' parents and fans were named the Best Fan Section by the judges; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coaches Michelle Byam and Veronica Padilla, skilled and inspirational mentors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; together, they have done a superb job in guiding, molding, and inspiring the squad members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record is outstanding, and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by Principal Glenn Widor, as well as the entire faculty and staff at Webster Thomas High School, and family members and fans, and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the 2016 Webster Thomas Varsity Cheerleading Team, from the opening competition of the season to participation in the championship, were an extraordinary combination of athletic ability, of good sportsmanship, of honor and of scholarship, demonstrating these team members are second to none; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, the team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coaches Michelle Byam and Veronica Padilla, and the 2016 Webster Thomas Varsity Cheerleading Team's outstanding athletes have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the 2016 Webster Thomas Varsity Cheerleading Team, its members Brynn Baker, Jacqueline Beachner, Danielle Boulas, Alyssa Bowen, Abigail Brown, Alyssa Cala, Paige Chaput, Elizabeth Cole, Audrey Dunn, Kaitlin Garrity, Rebecca Gresens, Cassidy Hall, Hannah Harold, Grace Hutchings, Adriana Mendoza, Malia Moore, Karlie Padilla, Grace Pezzimenti, Adriana Pizzillo, Isabella Romano, Emma Schaefer, Hannah Stuewe, Madeline Taddeo and Sara Tomei; their Coaches Michelle Byam and Veronica Padilla; on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Webster Thomas Varsity Cheerleading Team, and to Coaches Michelle Byam and Veronica Padilla.