

BY: Senator DEFRANCISCO

CONGRATULATING the Fayetteville-Manlius Girls Varsity Cross Country Team upon the occasion of winning the 2016 Nike Cross Nationals

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive athletics can be achieved only through rigorous training, mental and physical discipline, and a dedicated coaching staff; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those young individuals within our midst, who by achieving outstanding success in athletic competitions, have inspired and brought great pride to their school district 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 by developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Fayetteville-Manlius Girls Varsity Cross Country Team upon the occasion of winning the 2016 Nike Cross Nationals; and

WHEREAS, On December 3, 2016, the Fayetteville-Manlius Girls Varsity Cross Country Team dominated the 13th Annual Nike Cross Nationals at Glendoveer Golf Course in Portland, Oregon; this remarkable team captured first place, with an overall score of 41, defeating 21 other seven-person high school teams, which had qualified for the race via State competitions; and

WHEREAS, The Nike-sponsored course, with obstacles, rolling hills and tree-lined fairways, delivered a classic interpretation of the Pacific Northwest's storied running environments in front of an enthusiastic crowd; and

WHEREAS, The Nike Cross Nationals win was the Fayetteville-Manlius Girls Varsity Cross Country Team's 10th team title, further establishing the program as a national powerhouse; and

WHEREAS, The Fayetteville-Manlius Girls Varsity Cross Country Team advanced to the Nike Cross Nationals by defeating eight other teams at the New York State Class A Cross Country Championship at Chenango Valley State Park on November 12, 2016; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent, and drive to win, displayed by the Fayetteville-Manlius Girls Varsity Cross Country Team is in great part due to the efforts of Head Coach Bill Aris and Assistant Coaches Kyle Brazeil, Dave Davis, and Jim Nixdorf who are all well-respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, the outstanding members of the Fayetteville-Manlius Girls Varsity Cross Country Team proved to be a combination of talent, skill and dedication during the entire season; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the members of the Fayetteville-Manlius Girls Varsity Cross Country Team: Jessica Aspinall, Christiana Berge', Katherine Berge', Chloe Bullough, Maya Chiesa, Emily Cook, Sarah Crovella, Sydney DeGirolamo, Grace Hausladen, Palmer Madsen, Reilly Madsen, Sydney O'Dell, Haleigh Pascual, Keita Peden, Grace Perry, Alexandra Raven, Sophia Ryan, Flavia Scott, Alex Villalba, Claire Walters, Rebecca Walters, Phoebe White, and Rebecca White upon the occasion of winning the 2016 Nike Cross Nationals; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Fayetteville-Manlius Girls Varsity Cross Country Team, Head Coach Bill Aris, and Assistant Coaches Kyle Brazeil, Dave Davis, and Jim Nixdorf.