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CONGRATULATING the Fayetteville-Manlius Girls Varsity Cross Country Team upon the occasion of winning the 2017 Nike Cross Nationals

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive athletics can be achieved only through rigorous training, mental and physical discipline, teamwork 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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Fayetteville-Manlius Girls Varsity Cross Country Team upon the occasion of winning the 2017 Nike Cross Nationals; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, the outstanding members of the Fayetteville-Manlius Girls Varsity Cross Country Team proved to be a terrific combination of talent throughout their entire season; and

WHEREAS, Before advancing to the national competition, the Fayetteville Girls Varsity Cross Country Team won the NYSPHSAA Class A Championship on November 11, 2017, at Wayne High School in Ontario Center, New York; this victory marked the Fayetteville-Manlius Girls Varsity Cross Country Team's 12th consecutive state title in the sport; and

WHEREAS, On December 2, 2017, the Fayetteville-Manlius Girls Varsity Cross Country Team dominated the 14th Annual Nike Cross Nationals at Glendoveer Golf Course in Portland, Oregon; this remarkable team captured first place, with an overall score of 89, 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 11th team title, further establishing the program as a national powerhouse; and

WHEREAS, No team can succeed without talent throughout its entire roster, as is the case with the Fayetteville-Manlius Girls Varsity Cross Country Team of Katie Berge, Lejia Boracilo, Hannah Brown, Chloe Bullough, Emily Cook, Isabell Crovella, Sarah Crovella, Grace Kaercher, Palmer Madsen, Erin McDowell, Grace Perry, Rory Pfohl, Alexandra Raven, Sophia Ryan, Flavia Scott, Claire Snyder, Alex Villalba, Rebecca Walters, Claire Walters, Phoebe White, and Rebecca White; and

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

WHEREAS, Coaches Bill Aris, Kyle Brazeil, and Jim Nixdorf did a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the members of the Fayetteville-Manlius Girls Varsity Cross Country Team toward their goals; 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 upon the occasion of winning the 2017 Nike Cross Nationals; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the aforementioned members and coaches of the Fayetteville-Manlius Girls Varsity Cross Country Team.