

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the 2011 Fayetteville-Manlius High School Girls Cross Country Team upon the occasion of winning its sixth consecutive national championship

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, The 2011 Fayetteville-Manlius High School Girls Cross Country Team captured its sixth consecutive national championship; and

WHEREAS, The key for the Lady Hornets' outstanding success is teamwork and a rigorous training regimen; the team's national championship accomplishment was achieved despite the loss of several valuable members of the team due to injuries; and

WHEREAS, ESPN THE MAGAZINE has recognized the 2011 Fayetteville-Manlius High School Girls Cross Country Team as the best cross country team in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Jillian Fanning, Katie Sischo, Katie Brislin, Hannah Smith, Alana Pearl, Jenna Farrell and Annika Avery of the 2011 Fayetteville-Manlius High School Girls Cross Country Team raced and won this year's NXN nationals event; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach, Bill Aris, and Assistant Coaches, James Nixdorf and Marnie Carter, skilled and inspirational mentors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record was outstanding, and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the 2011 Fayetteville-Manlius High School Girls Cross Country Team from the opening meet of the season to capturing its sixth consecutive national championship, were a sisterhood of athletic ability, of good sportsmanship, of honor and of scholarship, demonstrating that these team players 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, Head Coach, Bill Aris, and Assistant Coaches, James Nixdorf and Marnie Carter, have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Head Coach, Bill Aris, and Assistant Coaches, James Nixdorf and Marnie Carter, and the 2011 Fayetteville-Manlius High School Girls Cross Country 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 2011 Fayetteville-Manlius High School Girls Cross Country Team, its members and Head Coach, Bill Aris, and Assistant Coaches, James Nixdorf and Marnie Carter, on their outstanding season, overall team record, and sixth consecutive national championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the 2011 Fayetteville-Manlius High School

Girls Cross Country Team and to Head Coach, Bill Aris, and Assistant

Coaches, James Nixdorf and Marnie Carter.