

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Coach Bill Aris upon the occasion of being named a 2015 National Coach of the Year by the National High School Coaches Association

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those notable educators and coaches within our midst, who serve the youth of this great Empire State, who have distinguished themselves and their schools through their exemplary achievements and constant commitment to quality instruction; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to recognize and honor Fayetteville-Manlius Girls' Cross Country Coach Bill Aris upon the occasion of being named a 2015 National Coach of the Year by the National High School Coaches Association (NHSCA); and

WHEREAS, Coach Bill Aris was noted by the NHSCA for having led the Fayetteville-Manlius Girls' Cross Country program to the pinnacle of the sport over the past decade; and

WHEREAS, A national leadership organization for high school coaches and administrators and their programs, NHSCA has been recognizing coaches through an awards program for the past 16 years; and

WHEREAS, NHSCA presents awards annually to 20 coaches nationwide who demonstrate a strong dedication to supporting and developing high school student athletes, while placing a high value on teamwork skills and good sportsmanship; one such individual is Coach Bill Aris of Fayetteville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Coach Bill Aris is only the second coach from New York State to be named a National High School Association Girls' Cross Country Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Coach Bill Aris took over the Fayetteville-Manlius Girls' Cross Country program in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Since then, Fayetteville-Manlius Girls' Cross Country teams have won nine consecutive state titles and have been crowned national champions during eight of the last nine seasons; and

WHEREAS, During the 2014-15 school year, Coach Bill Aris directed both the boys' and girls' cross country teams to the Nike Cross National Championship and made Nike event history by becoming the first school to produce boys and girls national championships at the same meet; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of his coaching tenure, Coach Bill Axis has continuously demonstrated a positive attitude and a goal-oriented and balanced approach to athletic instruction, on top of his genuine concern for his students; these attributes have contributed to his enduring success as an instructor and mentor in the Fayetteville-Manlius School District, earning him the just respect of his community and the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Coach Bill Aris has also received many praises for his coaching excellence, being called "The Lombardi of Team Running" by the WALL STREET JOURNAL in December of 2014; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Fayetteville-Manlius Girls' Cross Country Coach Bill Aris upon the occasion of being named a 2015 National Coach of the Year by the National High School Coaches Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Coach Bill Aris.