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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Fayetteville-Manlius Girls Varsity Cross Country Team upon the occasion of winning the 2014 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 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 hereby recognize and congratulate the Fayetteville-Manlius Girls Varsity Cross Country Team upon the occasion of winning the 2014 Nike Cross Nationals; and

WHEREAS, The 2014 Nike Cross Nationals win was the Fayetteville-Manlius Girls Varsity Cross Country Team's ninth championship title in the 11th annual event sponsored by Nike; and

WHEREAS, On December 6, 2014, the Fayetteville-Manlius Girls Varsity Cross Country Team dominated the Nike Cross Nationals at Glendoveer Golf Course in Portland, Oregon, with an overall final race time of 18:40, defeating 21 other seven-person teams that had qualified for the race via regional competitions; and

WHEREAS, Adding to this impressive win was that the Boys Varsity Cross Country Team also took their first national title, making Fayetteville-Manlius the first-ever program in the history of the Nike Cross Nationals to sweep both the boys and girls competitions in the same year; and

WHEREAS, The Nike-sponsored course, with obstacles, rolling hills and tree-lined fairways, delivered a classic interpretation of Pacific Northwest's storied running environments in front of an enthusiastic crowd that included Nike elites Galen Rupp, Shalane Flanagan, Mary Cain and Evan Jager; and

WHEREAS, No team can succeed without talent throughout its entire roster, as is the case for the Fayetteville-Manlius Girls Varsity Cross Country Team whose team members include: Olivia Ryan, Annika Avery, Sophia Ryan, Jenna Farrell, Samantha Levy, Jessica Howe, and Reilly Madsen; 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, Mamie Carter and Dave Davis, all of whom are respected mentors 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 terrific combination of talent, skill and dedication during the entire season; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize and congratulate the Fayetteville-Manlius Girls Varsity Cross Country Team upon the occasion of winning the 2014 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, Mamie Carter

and Dave Davis.