

## 2013-J3649

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Fallsburg Pop Warner "Midget Comets" Midget cheerleading team upon the occasion of their second place finish at the 2013 National Cheer and Dance Championships

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Fallsburg Pop Warner "Midget Comets" Midget cheerleading team upon the occasion of their second place finish at the 2013 National Cheer and Dance Championships, held December 7-14, 2013, at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in the Walt Disney World Resort, Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, The Midget Comets finished second out of seven teams contending in the Midget, Small, PW1 Division, a spectacular conclusion to this winning team's first ever national competition, and a fitting capstone to their outstanding season; and

WHEREAS, The Midget Comets were the first Fallsburg Pop Warner squad to advance to the Nationals since the program began 10 years ago; they qualified for the Nationals by taking first place in the State competition, and finishing second out of 12 teams at the Eastern Regional Finals; and

WHEREAS, Comprised of 12 girls, ages 11-15, the Fallsburg Pop Warner Midget cheerleading team members come from the Monticello, Liberty, Tri-Valley, Ellenville, and Fallsburg school districts; during their

regular season, they cheer at Fallsburg Pop Warner football home and away games, performing crowd-pleasing and engaging cheerleading routines that consist of tumbling, dance, cheer, and stunting; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Keri Whitehead and Assistant Coach Kierra Miller, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated and hardworking team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large, who eagerly raised the needed funds to ensure that there were no out-of-pocket costs for the cheerleaders; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and the Fallsburg Pop Warner Midget cheerleading team has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of its community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Fallsburg Pop Warner "Midget Comets" Midget cheerleading team; its members: Emily Bassett, Makaela Bryden, Jiovanna Gonzalez, Mercedes Gonzalez, Mellia Kimble, Cheyenne Lapolt, Kimberley Mahler, Krista Novello, Myra Olden King, Tiara Payton, Cassandra Reyes, and Olivia Steigler; Head Coach Keri Whitehead, and Assistant Coach Kierra Miller on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Fallsburg Pop Warner "Midget Comets" Midget cheerleading team and to the aforementioned staff.