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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Philip Jon Rudolph upon the occasion of being named a 2013 National Coach of the Year

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

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Fayetteville-Manlius Girls Varsity Tennis Team coach Philip Jon Rudolph for being named a 2013 National Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations; Coach Philip Rudolph is one of just 21 high school coaches nationwide to receive this honor for the 2012-2013 school year; and

WHEREAS, The National Federation of State High School Associations, a national leadership organization for high school sports and performing arts, has been recognizing coaches through an awards program since 1982; awards are presented to coaches who demonstrate high standards for sportsmanship and ethical conduct; and

WHEREAS, Coach Philip Rudolph joined the Fayetteville-Manlius School District in 1983 as a high school social studies teacher, a position he currently still holds; in 1984, he took over the Fayetteville-Manlius girls tennis program; and

WHEREAS, Coach Philip Rudolph, who has now served as the coach of the Fayetteville-Manlius Girls Varsity Tennis team for nearly 30 years, has attained an impressive overall career record that includes 420 wins, 26 conference championships, 27 team district championships, and 328 consecutive match wins - a national record for high school tennis; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Coach Philip Rudolph has coached the Fayetteville-Manlius Freshmen Boys Lacrosse team for 27 years; he also has coached boys basketball; and

WHEREAS, As well as coaching, Coach Philip Rudolph has participated in or helped organize numerous charitable events to benefit his school and community, such as Fay-Man Race of Champions, Bryn Place Foundation Manlius Mile, Stick it to Cancer, Dance Marathon for Camp Good Days, and the All Sports Booster Club Silent Auction; he has remained actively involved in the Syracuse University Project Advanced Program, the Fayetteville-Manlius Geography Bee and the Fayetteville-Manlius Speech and Debate Club; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, Coach Philip Rudolph has received several accolades for his coaching excellence; he was named a United States Tennis Association "High School Coach of the Year" received the Syracuse Sports Corporation Believe to Achieve Award and was recognized by the State and National Federations as a coach with the longest winning streak in high school tennis; and

WHEREAS, Most recently, Coach Philip Rudolph received Gold Standard certification from the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards and was honored at a ceremony at Arlington High School in Dutchess County on January 29, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Coach Philip Rudolph's positive attitude, selfless commitment, goal-oriented and balanced approach to instruction, on top of his genuine concern for his students have contributed to his enduring success as a coach and mentor in the Fayetteville-Manlius School District, earning him the just respect of his community and the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Coach Philip Jon Rudolph upon the occasion of being named a 2013 National Coach of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Coach Philip Jon Rudolph.