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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dana Moffat and Jessika Coleman, 2x members of the Fayetteville-Manlius High School Rowing Team, upon the occasion of capturing First Place at the United States Rowing Youth National Championship

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those outstanding student athletes within our midst, who strive to be champions through rigorous training, discipline and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people in the State of New York, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the value of hard work, healthy living and good sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dana Moffat and Jessika Coleman, 2x members of the Fayetteville-Manlius High School Rowing Team, upon the occasion of capturing First Place at the United States Rowing Youth National Championship, which took place June 12-14, 2015, in Sarasota, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Dana Moffat and Jessika Coleman were the first public high school team represented in the finals of the women's 2x event, and their appearance marked the first time in the 11-year history of the Fayetteville-Manlius program that a rowing boat had been invited to the regatta; and

WHEREAS, Dana Moffat and Jessika Coleman, seniors at Fayetteville-Manlius High School, raced four times over the weekend-long national championship tournament, in order to beat out a variety of teams and claim victory; and

WHEREAS, To earn a bid to compete at the United States Rowing Youth National Championship, Dana Moffat and Jessika Coleman won gold at the

New York State Scholastic Championship on May 10-11, 2015, in Saratoga Springs; they also placed in the grand finals at the Scholastic Rowing Association of America's National Championship Regatta, held May 22-23, 2015, in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach David Cusano, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The United States Rowing Youth National Championship is the most prestigious junior rowing competition in the country, proving that the outstanding talent displayed by Dana Moffat and Jessika Coleman is second to none; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dana Moffat and Jessika Coleman, 2x members of the Fayetteville-Manlius High School Rowing Team, upon the occasion of capturing First Place at the United States Rowing Youth National Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dana Moffat, Jessika Coleman, and Coach David Cusano.