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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Bethlehem Eagles Junior Pee Wee Cheer Team upon the occasion of capturing first place at the 2015 Pop Warner 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 Bethlehem Pop Warner Junior Pee Wee Cheer Team upon the occasion of capturing first place at the 2015 Pop Warner National Cheer and Dance Championships held on Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Lake Buena Vista, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Utilizing exceptional talent and an outstanding work ethic, the Bethlehem Pop Warner Junior Pee Wee Eagles Cheer Team competed against 16 teams from across the country to win first place at the eight day Pop Warner National Cheer and Dance Championships; and

WHEREAS, The Bethlehem Eagles began their season by winning the Empire State Cheer Classic in Syracuse, New York, setting the stage for an incredible year in which they won each and every competition they entered; and

WHEREAS, These remarkable athletes began their Road to the Nationals with a first place finish at the Capital District Pop Warner Cheer Competition in Colonie, New York, earning them a place at the Eastern Region Pop Warner Championships; and

WHEREAS, During the Eastern Region Pop Warner Championships held in Trenton, New Jersey, the Bethlehem Eagles were victorious over teams from across the East Coast to once again secure first place and a trip to the National finals; and

WHEREAS, Comprised of 12 girls, ages 8-12, the Bethlehem Eagles Junior Pee Wee Cheer Team includes three members who have attended the National Championships in previous years, and three members who have never cheered before until this past August; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Becky vonWedel and her staff, 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 worked tirelessly to help make this outstanding season possible; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and the Bethlehem Eagles Junior Pee Wee Cheer Team has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of its community and the Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Bethlehem Eagles Junior Pee Wee Cheer Team; its members: Jadyne Bennett-Smith, Rachel Boni, Jill DeCancio, Briana Kilgallon, Lena King, Maya Koennecke, Hannah Lauenstein, Sophie Lauenstein, Madeline Rounds, Sophia Rounds, Katherine Sauders, Kelsey vonWedel; Head Coach Becky vonWedel, and Assistant Coaches April Rounds and Mandy Koennecke, as well as BPW Cheer Coordinator Suzy Sodergren, on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Bethlehem Eagles Junior Pee Wee Cheer Team and to the aforementioned coaches.