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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Fairport High School Varsity Cheerleaders upon the occasion of their designation as Grand Champions at the 2015-2016 Virginia Beach National Cheerleading Competition

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 moved to congratulate the Fairport High School Varsity Cheerleaders upon the occasion of their designation as Grand Champions at the 2015-2016 Virginia Beach National Cheerleading Competition; and WHEREAS, In 2016, the Fairport High School Varsity Cheerleaders captured the National Title at the Virginia Beach National Cheerleading Competition, and also won first place as the Grand Champions, the best in the entire division; and WHEREAS, Cheerleading teams and individual competitors traveled from across the United States and Canada to participate in the National Cheerleading Competition; and WHEREAS, Prior to being crowned as Grand Champions, the Fairport High School Varsity Cheerleaders had completed their winter season in Monroe County, Section V, where they finished in first place in a highly competitive field of athletic teams; and WHEREAS, In addition, during the 2015-2016 season, the Fairport High School Varsity Cheerleaders won first place in their very first New York

State competition; in a two-round competition, the cheerleading team competed against the top teams in New York State and won the Division 1, large team New York State Title; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Elaine McGurk and skilled and inspirational mentors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record is outstanding, and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the Fairport High School Varsity Cheerleaders, from the opening of the season to their designation as Grand Champions at the Virginia Beach National Cheerleading Competition, were an extraordinary combination of athletic ability, of good sportsmanship, of honor and of scholarship, demonstrating that these team players are second to none; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, the team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school and community; and

WHEREAS, Coach Elaine McGurk has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coach Elaine McGurk and the Fairport High School Varsity Cheerleading Team's outstanding athletes, have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the Fairport Varsity Cheerleading Team; its members: Anna Bailey,

Ava Benedict, Emily Bischoff, Maddy Britt, Jess Cheer, Erin Cypher, Sam Dinolfo, Miranda Dunn, Jordyn Felice, Cassidy Hearn, Ryley Herren, Kelsey Hopkins, Whitney Huang, Caroline Kelly, Riley Kelly, Taylor Marcoccia, Mariesa Moak, Marina Moore, Ally Neu, Kate O'Shea, Kaela Otero-Lush, Grace Sambuchi, Lily Samulski, Makenzi Santini, Lauren St. John, Jess Szymanoski, Allie Trotta, Stacy Walker, Haley Wenk, and Madison Xander; and Coach Elaine McGurk, on their outstanding season and designation as Grand Champions at the Virginia Beach National Cheerleading Competition; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Fairport High School Varsity Cheerleading Team, and to Coach Elaine McGurk.