



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives offer our sincere congratulations to Coach Joe  
4 Newton, the 2004 York Community High School boys cross country  
5 team, and the entire York Community High School on winning the  
6 Class AA Boys State Championship title; and

7 WHEREAS, The Dukes cross country team has won 24 state  
8 titles in 43 years under Coach Joseph Newton's guidance; and

9 WHEREAS, We congratulate Coach Joe Newton, whose tireless  
10 efforts and expertise have led the York Community High School  
11 Dukes to a remarkable three straight state championships; and

12 WHEREAS, We thank Assistant Coach Charlie Kern for his  
13 dedication and commitment to the York boys cross country team;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, The Dukes won the Niles West Sectional in Skokie  
16 to advance their team to the Illinois High School Association  
17 state meet in Peoria on November 6th; and

18 WHEREAS, York runners finished 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, the first  
19 time in history all three honors were won by a single school;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, The Dukes' overall score of 56 lead them to a  
22 record 24th state championship; no other athletic team in any  
23 sport has ever accomplished this feat in Illinois high school  
24 history; and

25 WHEREAS, Senior Sean McNamara was the 1st place runner with  
26 a time of 14 minutes and 32 seconds, followed by junior Matt  
27 Dettman in 2nd, junior Eric Dettman in 3rd, senior Mike Arnold  
28 in 21st, sophomore Nick Kuczvara in 29th, junior David

1 Montgomery in 75th, and senior Roger Billhardt in 137th; and

2 WHEREAS, The Dukes' championship cross country team also  
3 includes Mike Fry, Justin Jones, Brian Marchese, Lionel  
4 Montenegro, Tom Jung, Matt Edwards, Mark Sulkin, Alan  
5 D'Ambrogio, and Ron Stefani; and

6 WHEREAS, Also supporting the Dukes' drive for victory were  
7 Mike Gaska, Joey Salveggio, Greg Potoglu, and Peter McGlodrick,  
8 the team managers; and

9 WHEREAS, We recognize the commitment of Athletic Director  
10 Craig Davelis and the Athletic Department, as well as the  
11 entire York Community High School, in their dedication to train  
12 and educate superior athletes and well-rounded students; and

13 WHEREAS, These runners have made countless sacrifices to  
14 succeed in their goal of winning a third straight cross country  
15 state championship; and

16 WHEREAS, The York Community High School, the Elmhurst  
17 community, and friends and families are proud of these fine  
18 young athletes; and

19 WHEREAS, This title represents the dedication and team  
20 unity these young men have shown all season; and

21 WHEREAS, We recognize the talent of these young athletes  
22 and their coaches; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
24 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
25 do hereby offer our congratulations to Coach Joe Newton and the  
26 members of the York Community High School boys cross country  
27 team on their 24th state championship title; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
2 presented to Coach Joe Newton, Superintendent Dr. Joel Morris,  
3 Principal Diana Smith, Athletic Director Craig Davelis,  
4 Assistant Coach Charlie Kern, York Community High School, and  
5 the members of the 2004 Class AA boys cross country  
6 championship team.