

House Resolution No. 2277

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State athletic programs which admirably demonstrate the highest standards of sportsmanship, teamwork, training, determination, and drive; and

Whereas, West Plains High School in the West Plains R-VII School District fielded girls and boys cross country teams which took First Place in Missouri State High School Activities Association Class 3 state championships on Saturday, November 6, 2004, at the Oak Hills Golf Center in Jefferson City; and

Whereas, with the first-ever perfect score in the state of Missouri, the 2004 Zizzers girls team consisted of Heather Bresee, Amanda Cameron, Tara Collins, Shanna Eldringhoff, Amy Hall, Jennifer Harper, Kristen Herron, Brittani Johnson, Mindy Lahey, Audi Morrison, Ashley Pitts, Emily Sexton, Jessie Sexton, Anitta Watson, and Serena Wood; and

Whereas, the 2004 Zizzers cross country boys included Eric Biffle, A.J. Cameron, Cameron Czerwonka, Mike Farmer, Koddy Fredrick, Jeremy Jens, Drew Joice, Danny McBride, Collin Morgan, Keaton Morgan, Mario Palomino, Chris Perry, Landon Perry, Isaac Robertson, James Roe, Ben Williams, Ryan Williams, and Thomas Williams; and

Whereas, admirably guided by Missouri Sports Hall of Fame member and Head Coach Joe Bill Dixon for the past twenty-eight years, the Zizzers cross country boys and girls teams were also trained by Assistant Coaches Marvin Hatley, Alicia Gunter, and Allan Moss; and

Whereas, West Plains cross country teams have garnered twelve boys championships, nine girls championships, and forty-four state trophies overall and have produced five Footlocker All-Americans; and

Whereas, the West Plains boys cross country program was established in 1978, placed eighth in state in 1978, first in state in 1979, and won three championships in a row from 2000 to 2002, while the girls program began in 1985 by taking first in state and likewise has taken three championships in a row from 2002 to 2004:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar competitive season enjoyed in 2004 by the boys and girls cross country teams from West Plains High School and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations to all of those involved for taking First Place in the state championships; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the West Plains High School 2004 cross country program; and

Offered by _____
Representative Ward Franz
District No. 151

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 2277, adopted April 19, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker