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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Elmont Memorial High School Boys 4x400m relay team upon the occasion of their record setting performance at the 2013 Millrose Games

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, With an extraordinary time of 3:18.34, the Elmont Memorial High School Boys 4x400m relay team recorded the nation's best mark at the 2013 Millrose Games; the team's outstanding performance beat the 2012 Millrose Games mark by almost four seconds; and

WHEREAS, In capturing the Millrose Games 4x400m relay race, the Elmont Memorial High School Boys track team members, Brandon Atkins, Roshane Wright, Chad Barker and Ayo Abodare, surpassed the team's second place finish in 2012; and

WHEREAS, The Elmont Memorial High School Boys 4x400m relay team was loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the Elmont Memorial High School Boys 4x400m relay team were a brotherhood 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 Elmont Memorial High School Boys 4x400m relay team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school and community; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment; the Elmont Memorial High School Boys 4x400m relay 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 congratulate the Elmont Memorial High School Boys 4x400m relay team members, Brandon Atkins, Roshane Wright, Chad Barker and Ayo Abodare, on their record setting performance at the 2013 Millrose Games; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Elmont Memorial High School Boys 4x400m relay team members, Brandon Atkins, Roshane Wright, Chad Barker and Ayo Abodare.