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CONGRATULATING THE SUN PRAIRIE CARDINALS BASEBALL TEAM ON THEIR 2014 DIVISION 1 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

WHEREAS at the 67th Annual Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Spring Baseball Tournament in June, the Sun Prairie Cardinals became the first Division 1 team to win three consecutive WIAA baseball titles; and

WHEREAS the Cardinals were ably led by captains Connor Funnell, Michael Garvey, and Michael Marchese to become the champions of the Big Eight Conference this spring and set records by bringing home their fifth state title in 10 seasons and eighth state title overall, the most in state history; and

WHEREAS the Cardinals beat the Kimberly Papermakers 5-2, with an 11-hit attack, led by Connor Funnell going 4 for 4 with two RBIs and pitcher Ryan Curran delivering five hits while his pitching held the Papermakers in check; and

WHEREAS Sun Prairie Coach Rob Hamilton and assistant coaches Peter Gumina and Randy Molina led the team to a winning season with 27 wins and 5 losses, with a team batting average of .338, and finishing with the team ranked second in the Midwest; and

WHEREAS the team and coaches appreciate their place in the Sun Prairie baseball tradition, citing the teams that have played before them, the community support, the fans who come to games, and the fine sports facilities and field as part of their continued success.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dane County Board of Supervisors hereby congratulates the Sun Prairie Cardinals baseball team on their unprecedented third straight Division 1 State Championship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Dane County Board congratulates the Sun Prairie Athletic Director, the coaches, students, fans, and families of the Sun Prairie Cardinals baseball players for their support of the championship team; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Coach Rob Hamilton and the Sun Prairie baseball team as a token of the high esteem in which they are held by this board.