Sparks Commendation

WHEREAS, the Sparks High School Boys Varsity Soccer team led by Coach Jose "Chava" España are your 2020-2021 Northern Nevada 5A Regional Champions; and

WHEREAS, this is the first year the Railroaders competed in the 5A division after advancing to this league last year; and

WHEREAS, this year's team is unique because its entire coaching staff is made up of past Sparks High School Railroader alumni, which sets a new precedent for the team, driving home the message of "Once a Railroader, always a Railroader;" and

WHEREAS, this is the 12th consecutive year the team has qualified for the State Championship, although due to the pandemic there will be no game this year; and

WHEREAS, this season, the Railroaders scored 34 goals while their opponents scored just 17, and the Railroaders won three of four championships they attended; and

WHEREAS, Omar Hernandez-Mena was named "Mid-fielder of the Year," Alejandro Eligio was named "Defender of the Year," the Sparks High School coaching staff was named the "Coaching Staff of the Year" for the 5A League, and 9 out of the 20 Railroaders were selected under the All League and All State categories;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ED LAWSON, Mayor of the City of Sparks, do hereby join with the City Council in commending the Sparks High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team for winning the Northern Nevada 5A Regional Championship this year!

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 26th day of April, 2021.

ED LAWSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

LISA HUNDERMAN, City Clerk