

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Coach Brian Beaury of the College of Saint Rose upon the occasion of his 500th career victory

WHEREAS, It is incumbent upon the people of the State of New York to recognize those individuals within our midst who have contributed greatly to the quality of our lives by providing exceptional leadership and commitment to our youth; and

WHEREAS, It is acknowledged that 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, further, that excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, all of which actions are nurtured by dedicated coaching; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Coach Brian Beaury of the College of Saint Rose upon the occasion of his 500th career victory; and

WHEREAS, On February 4, 2009, Coach Brian Beaury became the ninth active head basketball coach, and 34th overall, at the NCAA Division II level, to ascend to the 500-win plateau when his College of Saint Rose team defeated Northeast-10 Conference rival St. Michael's 70-52; and

WHEREAS, Leading the College of Saint Rose to 11 NCAA Tournament appearances within the past 17 years, Coach Brian Beaury compiled a 500-200 career record on his way to this outstanding achievement; he is in his 23rd season of coaching at his alma mater, The College of Saint Rose in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Steadfastly solidifying himself as an outstanding basketball coach, Brian Beaury has developed a program at the College of Saint Rose that garners the utmost respect from every corner and from every level of collegiate basketball; he has left an indelible impression on all the young men he has coached and provided the College of Saint Rose with well-deserved national recognition; and

WHEREAS, Coach Brian Beaury has an uncanny ability to instill and impart his knowledge of the game to his players; his teams have won an average of more than 24 games per year during the last 13 seasons and have posted 20 wins during nine of those seasons; he has never had a losing season while at Saint Rose; and

WHEREAS, Earning Coach of the Year plaudits on five separate occasions, including Eastern Basketball's 1998 small college Coach of the Year, Brian Beaury was nominated for national Coach of the Year in 1989; he stands ninth among the nation's most successful NCAA Division II coaches in winning percentage; and

WHEREAS, A native of Queens, New York, Brian Beaury played high school basketball at St. Agnes, before heading to the College of Saint Rose where he was a four-year varsity letter winner; a three time captain of the team, he was a two-time All-Conference selection and the team's most valuable player in his senior year; he ranks among the school's top-10 career leaders in both assists and steals; and

WHEREAS, Entering the college coaching ranks at the age of 21 as an assistant at the Junior College of Albany, Brian Beaury returned to coach at his alma mater in 1984 and became its second head coach in 1986; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of the College of Saint Rose 1996 Distinguished Alumni Award, Brian Beaury was active as the Co-Chair of Saint Rose's

capital campaign, Advancing The Saint Rose Difference, marking the second time he has co-chaired this effort during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, The founder of the Saint Rose Summer Sports Academy, Brian Beury is also the founder of the New York State Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Coach Brian Beury holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a master's degree in Education from Saint Rose, and is pursuing an M.B.A. degree at the College; and

WHEREAS, Residing in Cohoes, New York, Coach Brian Beury and his wife, the former Mary Ann Grennon, are the proud parents of three children, Alexandra, Brian, and Benjamin; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Coach Brian Beury of the College of Saint Rose upon the occasion of his 500th career victory; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to College of Saint Rose Basketball Coach Brian Beury.