

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Elmira College Women's Ice Hockey Team and Coach Dean Jackson upon the occasion of capturing the NCAA Division III Championship

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, On Saturday, March 16, 2013, at Wessman Arena in Superior, Wisconsin, the Elmira College Women's Ice Hockey Team became the NCAA Division III Champions; and

WHEREAS, For the third time in its program's history, the Elmira College Women's Ice Hockey Team are National Champions; the Lady Soaring Eagles avenged a rematch of the 2005 NCAA Championship against Middlebury College with a 1-0 victory to claim the 2013 NCAA Division III National Championship; and

WHEREAS, Elmira College has won their first National Championship since 2003; this special victory ties Middlebury College for the most titles in women's ice hockey history; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Dean Jackson, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for his ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record of 23-5-1 is outstanding, and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the Elmira College Women's Ice Hockey Team, from the opening game of the season to participation in the Championship, were a sisterhood 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 team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

WHEREAS, Coach Dean Jackson and his dedicated staff have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coach Dean Jackson and these 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 Elmira College Women's Ice Hockey Team, and Coach Dean Jackson on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Elmira College Women's Ice Hockey Team and Coach Dean Jackson.