

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the College of St. Rose Women's Soccer Team upon the occasion of its outstanding 2012 Season

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, The 2012 College of St. Rose Women's Soccer Team compiled an extraordinary season; its overall record was an outstanding 20-3-2, including a 15-1-2 regular season record, and a superlative 12-1-2 conference performance; and

WHEREAS, Capturing the Northeast-10 Regular Season Title for the seventh consecutive season, the 2012 College of St. Rose Women's Soccer Team won the NCAA East Region Championship for the fifth successive year; and

WHEREAS, Ranked Number One in the Nation for five weeks during the season, the 2012 College of St. Rose Women's Soccer Team's final NSCAA ranking was fourth in the country; and

WHEREAS, The 2012 College of St. Rose Women's Soccer Team advanced to the Final Four NCAA Division II Championships for the fifth year in a row; and

WHEREAS, For the 12th consecutive year, the College of St. Rose Women's Soccer Team was named the NSCAA Academic All-American Team; and

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

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the 2012 College of St. Rose Women's Soccer Team, from the opening game of the season to participation in the Final Four NCAA Division II Championships, 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 2012 College of St. Rose Women's Soccer Team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Darling Gutheil has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the 2012 College of St. Rose Women's Soccer Team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Head Coach Darling Gutheil and the 2012 College of St. Rose Women's Soccer 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 2012 College of St. Rose Women's Soccer Team, its members and Head Coach Darling Gutheil on their outstanding season, overall team record, capturing both the Northeast-10 Regular Season Title and NCAA East Region Championship, and Final Four NCAA Tournament participation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the 2012 College of St. Rose Women's Soccer Team, and to Head Coach Darling Gutheil.