

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the 2012-2013 University at Albany's Men's Basketball Team upon the occasion of advancing to the NCAA Men's Basketball National Tournament and on its outstanding 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 Great Danes had an overall record of 24-11, 9-7 in the America East Conference; UAlbany won the America East Conference Tournament Championship to earn a seed in the NCAA tournament by defeating the University of Vermont 53-49 on Saturday, March 16, 2013; and

WHEREAS, It was only the third time in school history that the UAlbany Men's Basketball Team qualified for the NCAA tournament; the Great Danes went up against Duke University, a national powerhouse in the first round at the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as a No. 15 seed; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach, Will Brown and his team of associate head and assistant coaches, Chad O'Donnell, John Iati, Jeremy Friel, and Simon Clement, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, the 2012-2013 University at Albany's Men's Basketball Team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach, Will Brown and his team of assistant coaches have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the 2012-2013 University at Albany's Men's Basketball Team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Head Coach, Will Brown, his assistant coaches, and the 2012-2013 University at Albany's Men's Basketball 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 2012-2013 University at Albany Men's Basketball Team, its members: Mike Black, Luke Devlin, DJ Evans, Tanner Gibson, Jayson Guerrier, Peter Hooley, Jacob Iati, Gary Johnson, Blake Metcalf, Chris Page, John Puk, Sam Rowley, Dave Wiegmann, and Reece Williams; Head Coach Will Brown; Associate Head Coach Chad O'Donnell; Assistant Coaches John Iati and Jeremy Friel; Graduate Assistant Simon Clement; and Director of Basketball Operations Jerrad Knotts on their outstanding season, overall team record, America East Conference Championship and their NCAA Tournament participation; and be it farther

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the 2012-2013 University at Albany's Men's Basketball Team, and to Head Coach Will Brown and the aforementioned staff.