

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating UConn Women's Basketball Player Breanna Stewart upon the occasion of being named the NCAA's Most Outstanding Player in the 2013 Final Four Tournament

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those outstanding individuals in the State of New York who consistently strive for athletic and academic excellence through rigorous training and mental and physical discipline; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate UConn Women's Basketball Player Breanna Stewart upon the occasion of being named the NCAA's Most Outstanding Player in the 2013 Final Four Tournament; and

WHEREAS, By scoring 23 points, capturing nine rebounds and providing three assists, Breanna Stewart, a forward, led the UConn Huskies to a 93-60 victory over the Louisville Cardinals in the national championship game of the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament on April 10, 2013; and

WHEREAS, The special victory over the Louisville Cardinals secured the University of Connecticut's eighth NCAA Title; and

WHEREAS, Breanna Stewart and the UConn Huskies advanced to the national championship game after defeating Notre Dame 83-65 in the national semi-final game; Breanna Stewart scored a career-high 29 points with four blocks during the game; and

WHEREAS, Breanna Stewart was dominant in all five NCAA tournament games by scoring a total of 104 points; and

WHEREAS, For her superior efforts, Breanna Stewart was named Most Outstanding Player of the Women's Final Four, just the fourth freshman in history, and the first since 1987, to earn the honor; and

WHEREAS, Breanna Stewart can now add the titles of 2013 Final Four Most Outstanding Player, 2013 NCAA Champion, and 2013 NCAA Tournament Bridgeport Regional Most Outstanding Player to her long list of achievements, which include being named Gatorade's 2011-2012 National High School Player of the Year during her senior year at Cicero-North Syracuse High School; and

WHEREAS, Breanna Stewart continues to make her team, family and Central New York community proud by demonstrating outstanding athleticism, exemplary leadership, and a strong drive to win; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate UConn Women's Basketball Player Breanna Stewart upon the occasion of being named the NCAA's Most Outstanding Player in the 2013 Final Four Tournament; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Breanna Stewart.