

BY: Senator TEDISCO

CONGRATULATING the Union College Men's Basketball Team and Head Coach Chris Murphy upon the occasion of capturing the 2018 Liberty League Men's Basketball Championship on February 25, 2018

WHEREAS, Individual and team championships are highly sought after in collegiate sports; this Legislative Body commends rare athletic achievements and pays special recognition to those who pursue such excellence and become examples for the citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition helps to enhance both the moral and physical development of young athletes, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the importance of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Union College Men's Basketball Team and Head Coach Chris Murphy upon the occasion of capturing the 2018 Liberty League Men's Basketball Championship; to the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Dutchmen defeated Skidmore College at the Bristol Gym in Geneva, New York, in a decisive 82-65 victory to capture the Championship; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of garnet, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Dutchmen throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 19-9 overall record; and

WHEREAS, After winning the Championship, the Union College Men's Basketball Team received an automatic bid to compete in its fifth NCAA Division III Championships on Friday, March 2, 2018; the Dutchmen advanced to the second round of the Tournament with a victory over New Jersey City University; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Chris Murphy and Assistant Coach Nick Ciresi worked hard to hone the skills of this championship team, teaching these outstanding athletes lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Chris Murphy and Assistant Coach Nick Ciresi and all of the outstanding athletes on the Union College Men's Basketball Team have clearly utilized dedication, determination and teamwork in providing a lasting 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 members of the Union College Men's Basketball Team:

Cameron Lovett, Temidire George, Benjamin Lee, Kevin Weckworth, Kevin Jefferson, Aaron Gordon, Jack Williams, Greg King, Rhona Eseyade, Weston Hannon-Bogosh, Garrett Johnson, Kevin McNoble, Jackson Mannix, Matt

Liquori, Martynas Simanavicius, Brendan Laing, Nate Freeman, Andrew Laub, and Giuseppe de Spuches; Head Coach Chris Murphy; and Assistant Coach Nick Ciresi upon the occasion of capturing the 2018 Liberty League Men's Basketball Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Union College Men's Basketball Team, Head Coach Chris Murphy, and Assistant Coach Nick Ciresi.