

**BY:** Senator BONACIC

**CONGRATULATING** Dana O'Neill upon the occasion of her induction into the SUNY Orange Colt Athletic Hall of Fame on November 12, 2016

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding athletes who have distinguished themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Dana O'Neill upon the occasion of her induction into the SUNY Orange Colt Athletic Hall of Fame; this momentous occasion was celebrated on Saturday, November 12, 2016, at Kuhl's Highland House, Middletown, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Dana O'Neill is a 1991 graduate of SUNY Orange, where she distinguished herself by her many notable achievements on the basketball and volleyball court; and

**WHEREAS,** During her freshman year at SUNY Orange, Dana O'Neill played basketball, volleyball and softball; and

**WHEREAS,** Dana O'Neill led the Colts women's basketball team to a Region XV Championship and the NJCAA Nationals in Tyler, Texas; she was named Region XV Most Valuable Player in 1990; and

**WHEREAS,** As a sophomore, Dana O'Neill again led the basketball team to a regional crown and the NJCAA tournament while averaging 17.2 points per game, 13 rebounds per game and 3.5 blocks per game; and

**WHEREAS,** Dana O'Neill went on to play basketball and volleyball at Wagner University on a full athletic scholarship; and

**WHEREAS,** In 1997, Dana O'Neill returned to SUNY Orange to coach the volleyball team, guiding the Colts to a 25-3 record and a regional championship; the same year, she was named Region XV Coach of the Year; and

**WHEREAS,** Athletes such as Dana O'Neill provide a tremendous service to the future of our State and Nation, inspiring generations of student-athletes in their athletic journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is moved to honor Dana O'Neill for her extraordinary athletic accomplishments which are a tribute to her skill, dedication and commitment; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Dana O'Neill upon the occasion of her induction into the

SUNY Orange Colt Athletic Hall of Fame on November 12, 2016; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dana O'Neill.