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CONGRATULATING student-athlete Danielle Patterson upon the occasion of her selection as a 2017 McDonald's All-American Girls' Basketball Player and winning both the 2017 New York State Player of the Year Award and the co-Miss New York Basketball Title

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the State of New York who, by achieving outstanding success in athletic competition, have inspired and brought pride to their school and community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate student-athlete Danielle Patterson upon the occasion of her selection as a 2017 McDonald's All-American Girls' Basketball Player and winning both the 2017 New York City Player of the Year Award and the co-Miss New York Basketball Award; and

WHEREAS, Danielle Patterson, a senior at The Mary Louis Academy, was chosen to play in the 16th Annual McDonald's All-American Girls' Game, on Wednesday, March 29, 2017, at the United Center in Chicago, Illinois; this prestigious honor was given to only 24 girls in the United States; and

WHEREAS, A native of Brooklyn, New York, Danielle Patterson started her basketball career at the young age of five; her father, while walking her to and from school, during which time she would dribble a basketball, peaking her interest in the sport; and

WHEREAS, This committed athlete's journey began as a Catholic Youth Organization player for St. Mary Gate of Heaven in Ozone Park, New York; she went on to play her first two years of high school basketball at Medgar Evers College Preparatory School, in Crown Heights, New York, before transferring to The Mary Louis Academy for her junior year; and

WHEREAS, The first Mary Louis senior to ever reach the distinction of being named to the McDonald's All-American Team, Danielle Patterson averaged a double-double this season, with 24 points and 15 rebounds per game while also adding four assists per game as a forward for the school; and

WHEREAS, With her family supporting her throughout her entire basketball career, Danielle Patterson has achieved numerous awards and accolades including: No. 10 player in the Class of 2017 by espnW HoopGurlz, New York State Player of the Year by News 12 Varsity, co-Miss New York Basketball and recipient of the Dream Award; in addition, she will be playing in the Jordan Brand Classic game on April 14, 2017, at the Barclays Center, in Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talents displayed by this talented competitor

is due in great part to the efforts of Coach JoAnn Arbitello-Pinnock and Athletic Director Joseph Lewinger, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation, Danielle Patterson will be headed to the University of Notre Dame of South Bend, Indiana, where she will continue her athletic career as a member of a Division I college hoops program; a dedicated scholar, she plans to major in sports management with the intention of becoming a coach; and

WHEREAS, Danielle Patterson's exemplary performance is reflective of her dedication, determination and personal commitment; as the only person from New York on the McDonald's roster, she represented her family, her community, her school, and her State with distinction as an athlete as well as a woman of dignity; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate student-athlete Danielle Patterson upon the occasion of her selection as a 2017 McDonald's All-American Girls' Basketball Player and winning both the 2017 New York State Player of the Year Award and the co-Miss New York Basketball Title; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Danielle Patterson, Coach JoAnn Arbitello-Pinnock and Athletic Director Joseph Lewinger.