

BY: Senator MAYER

COMMENDING Head Coach Tim Cluess upon the occasion of stepping down after 10 years of distinguished service to the Iona College Men's Basketball Team

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the notable athletic coaches who serve the youth of this great Empire State and who have distinguished themselves and their schools through outstanding commitment and exemplary athletic achievements; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Head Coach Tim Cluess upon the occasion of stepping down after 10 years of distinguished service to the Iona College Men's Basketball Team; he will remain with the program in an advisory role; and

WHEREAS, Tim Cluess had led the Gaels to six NCAA Tournament appearances since 2012; Iona also had five MAAC Tournament championships and four regular season championships; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong New Yorker, Tim Cluess arrived in New Rochelle in 2010 with no experience in Division I since playing at St. John's and Hofstra, but found immediate success upon installing one of the fastest and most exciting offensive systems in the nation, and won at least 20 games in each of his first eight years; and

WHEREAS, Coach Cluess, who elevated Iona men's basketball and put them into the national spotlight on an annual basis, finished with 199 wins and a .650 winning percentage during his tenure, the highest marks among any New York Metropolitan program in Division I; and

WHEREAS, Tim Cluess, who coached for 14 years at St. Mary's High School in Manhasset, and one season at Suffolk Community College, went 98-23 in four seasons (2006-2010) at Division II C.W. Post; and

WHEREAS, A congenial leader, Tim Cluess' positive demeanor, selfless commitment and caring concern have contributed to his unparalleled success as a coach and mentor, earning him the just respect and admiration of Iona College, his peers and the athletes he has so ably coached; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to now record its recognition and appreciation in honoring an outstanding coach whose dedication and inspiration have been instrumental in developing character and sportsmanship in aspiring young athletes, exemplifying the ideals and values cherished by this great State and Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Head Coach Tim Cluess upon the occasion of stepping down after 10 years of distinguished service to the Iona College Men's Basketball

Team; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Head Coach Tim Cluess.