

BY: Senator PALUMBO

HONORING Katie Hoeg upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Patterson Medal by the University of North Carolina

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 youth 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Katie Hoeg upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Patterson Medal by the University of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, First presented at the University of North Carolina (UNC) in 1924, the Patterson Medal, named after John Durand Patterson, is awarded to an outstanding athlete who has played at least three seasons for the Tar Heels, and has demonstrated superlative sportsmanship and strong leadership; Katie Hoeg is truly deserving of this prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of James and Karen Hoeg, Katie has been playing lacrosse since she was a child; as a senior at Mattituck High School in New York, she tallied 56 goals and 58 assists and recorded more than 500 career points in her six varsity seasons as a Lady Tucker; and

WHEREAS, After graduating, the standout attacker began her collegiate lacrosse career as a Tar Heel for UNC at Chapel Hill where she continued to excel in both her studies and academics; today, as a Redshirt Senior, this scholar-athlete is UNC's all-time leading scorer for the women's lacrosse team; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of her career at UNC, Katie Hoeg has been instrumental in the success of the women's lacrosse program, leading the Tar Heels to a 78-12 record, four Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Championships, and three trips to the national semifinals; she ranks fourth in ACC history with 370 points, is the conference's all-time assists leader, and is second in National College Athletic Association (NCAA) history with 233 points; and

WHEREAS, As a senior, Katie Hoeg led the Nation with 71 assists and 3.38 assists per game and set UNC's single-season assist record with 73 in 2019; she was named the 2020 National Player of the Year, a first-team All-American in 2018, 2020 and 2021, a second-team

All-American in 2019, received All-ACC selection three times, and was an NCAA All-Tournament honoree in both 2019 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Katie Hoeg has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of her school; and

WHEREAS, The epitome of a great athlete, Katie Hoeg proudly and enthusiastically serves as a role model for all female athletes; she is self-confident, motivated, self-disciplined, optimistic, poised under stress, focused, resilient, humble, passionate and able to take criticism, all characteristics which have made her the strong woman she is today, both on and off the field; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Katie Hoeg upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Patterson Medal by the University of North Carolina, and to wish her continued success throughout her remaining school years and beyond; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Katie Hoeg.