

Assembly Resolution No. 623

BY: M. of A. Barrett

CONGRATULATING the Vassar College Women's Rugby Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2021 American Collegiate Rugby Association Division II Women's Fall Championship

WHEREAS, Individual and team championships are highly sought after in college 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 congratulate the Vassar College Women's Rugby Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2021 American Collegiate Rugby Association Division II Women's Fall Championship; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Brewers defeated Temple University in a dominating 74-5 victory to capture the Championship on Saturday, December 4, 2021, at the Sportsplex in Matthews, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of burgundy and gray, family, friends, and the community-at-large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Brewers throughout their journey as they ended their fall season with an impressive 11-1 overall record, winning all of their games by a substantial margin; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as rugby, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Tony Brown, and Assistant Coaches Mark Griffiths and Dana Wasserman worked hard to hone the skills of this championship team, teaching these outstanding athletes lessons which will prove invaluable both on and off the field; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Tony Brown and all of the outstanding athletes on the Vassar College Women's Rugby 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 Vassar College Women's Rugby Team: Sophia Florida, Hannah Thompson, Asia Baker, Louise Ambler, Grace Skakel, Halle Hutchinson, Hannah Charlson, Emily Howell, Julia Busby, Marie Claire Cicenja, Kasey Drake, Kira Nolan, Sophie Lynch, Lauren Thompson, Vivika Sheppard, Jamie Martinez, Claire Zickl, Julia Reigrut,

Andie Authers, Julie Geller, Sophia Tang, Lauren Showalter, Isabel Snyder, Dariana Serrano, Peyton Wilder, Lydia Yu, Lucy Sinclair, Katie Canavan, Gill Ciaccio, Audrey Ehrhardt, Maeve Smith, Mia Walsh, Britt

Andrade, Claire Dwyer, Alexa Gwyn, Anastasia Meltzer, Isadora Polish, Caeli Porette, and Liz Slein; Head Coach, Tony Brown; Assistant Coaches, Coaches Mark Griffiths and Dana Wasserman upon the occasion of capturing the 2021 American Collegiate Rugby Association Division II Women's Fall Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Vassar College Women's Rugby Team, Head Coach Tony Brown, and Assistant Coaches Mark Griffiths and Dana Wasserman.