

**BY:** Senator STEWART-COUSINS

**CONGRATULATING** the Pace University Women's Lacrosse Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2023 NCAA Division II Women's Lacrosse Championship on May 21, 2023

**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 enhances the moral and physical development of the young people of this State, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the value of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

**WHEREAS,** This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Pace University Women's Lacrosse Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2023 NCAA Division II Women's Lacrosse Championship on Sunday, May 21, 2023; and

**WHEREAS,** To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the No. 3 ranked Pace University Women's Lacrosse Team completed its historic season with a National Championship after defeating the No. 1 ranked West Chester University in a decisive 19-9 win; and

**WHEREAS,** Winning the first title in program history, the 19 goals were the most ever scored in a DII Women's Lacrosse championship game, and the Setters are the first NCAA collegiate team in Westchester County to win a National Championship; and

**WHEREAS,** Proudly donning the school colors of blue and gold, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Setters throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive overall record of 21-2; and

**WHEREAS,** The Setters joined 47 teams from schools across the country who had won National Championships to be recognized on the South Lawn of the White House as part of College Athlete Day; the team had the unforgettable opportunity to be invited to the White House and to meet Vice President Kamala Harris, who shared a speech; and

**WHEREAS,** In a sport such as lacrosse, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Tricia Molfetta and her expert coaching staff 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 Tricia Molfetta and all of the outstanding

athletes on the Pace University Women's Lacrosse 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 Pace University Women's Lacrosse Team: Jennifer Sommer, Maddie Schubert, Mackenzie Carita, Jolie Urraro, Alyssa Dvorznak, Sasha Kulo, Delilah Doyle, Katie Long, Jordyn Mariano, Alexandra Witucki, Emma Rafferty, Sydney Juvelier, Aleya Corretjer, Alexandra Quinn, Audrey Colucci, Kayla Conway, Erin Bean, Margaret Flocco, Natasha Franchina, Katie Smaldone, Lindsey Gelderman, Gigi Genovese, Nikki Mottes, Alyssa Wolf, Katie Laico, Julianna Febbraio, Angelina Porcello, Ashley Belfiore, Payton Durkin, Abigail O'Connor, Samantha Tanguay; Assistant Coach Melissa Alamprese; and Head Coach Tricia Molfetta on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Pace University Women's Lacrosse Team and Head Coach Tricia Molfetta.