

Assembly Resolution No. 103

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CONGRATULATING the Syracuse University Men's Soccer Team upon the occasion of winning the 2022 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Men's Soccer Tournament and National Championship

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, teamwork and a dedicated coaching staff; 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 by developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate and recognize the Syracuse University Men's Soccer Team upon the occasion of winning the 2022 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Men's Soccer Tournament and National Championship; and

WHEREAS, During their 8th NCAA Tournament, the Syracuse University Men's Soccer Team won the program's first ever National Championship, defeating Indiana University 7-6 in a penalty kick shootout; and

WHEREAS, The Orange finished their season with an impressive overall record of 19-2-4, the most wins in a single season in program history; and

WHEREAS, The title marks the 80th National Championship in Syracuse Athletics' history of 31 team titles and 49 individual championships; and

WHEREAS, Syracuse University is the fourth ever ACC program to win its regular season division, conference tournament and NCAA National Championship in a single-season; and

WHEREAS, Coach Ian McIntyre guided the team to the National Championship in his 13th season as Head Coach, earning his 2nd NCAA College Cup, 7th NCAA Tournament Appearance and 2nd Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) title; he was also named National College Coach of the Year for the second time in 2022; and

WHEREAS, Goalkeeper Russell Shealy was named the 2022 Men's College Cup Defensive Most Outstanding Player, while Nathan Opoku earned Most Outstanding Offensive Player; they were joined on the All-Tournament Team by Levonte Johnson, Curt Calov, Christian Curti and Jeorgio Kocovski; and

WHEREAS, A school record five Syracuse men's soccer players were selected in the 2023 Major League Soccer SuperDraft, Abdi Salim, Levonte Johnson, Amferny Sinclair, Russell Shealy, Buster Sjoberg; and

WHEREAS, The outstanding athletic talent, teamwork and sportsmanship displayed by the Syracuse University Men's Soccer Team is due in great part to the skilled and supportive efforts of Head Coach Ian McIntyre, Associate Head Coach Jukka Masalin, Assistant Coach Sean Lawlor, Assistant Provost for Student-Athlete Academic Development Tommy J. Powell and Communications Assistant Nick Economides; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the season, the support of fans within both the Syracuse University and Central New York communities showed great enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Syracuse University Men's Soccer Team rallied behind one another in establishing a brotherhood of athletic ability, good sportsmanship, honor and scholarship, while demonstrating these team players are of the highest caliber, while contributing to the spirit of excellence that is a tradition of their university; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the outstanding members of the Syracuse University Men's Soccer Team: Sam Coss, Russell Shealy, Christian Curti, Abdi Salim, Noah Singelmann, Amferny Sinclair, Julio Fulcar, Curt Calov, Jeorgio Kocovski, Julius Rauch, Nathan Opoku, Lorenzo Boselli, Gavin Wigg, Colin Biros, Levonte Johnson, Louie Bulger, Michal Gradus, Giona Leibold, Camden Holbrook, Buster Sjoberg, Trevor Carabin, Stephen Betz, Olu Oyegunle, Jackson Glenn, Andrea DiBlasio, Parker Kump, Tony Shaw, Aidan Arber, Francesco Pagano, Antonino Pagano, Jahiem Wickham, Noah Lechelt, Marc Chin and Lucas Daunhauer on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to members of the Syracuse University Men's Soccer Team, and the aforementioned coaches and staff.