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CONGRATULATING the St. Bonaventure University Men's Rugby Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2025 National Collegiate Rugby Division 1 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 St. Bonaventure University Men's Rugby Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2025 National Collegiate Rugby Division 1 Championship; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of brown and white, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Bonnies throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 6-1-1 overall record; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as rugby, which demands athletic prowess, speed, and agility, Head Coach Daniel Neighbour and Assistant Coaches Cory Ratka and John Powers, 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, These outstanding athletes on the St. Bonaventure University Men'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 university; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the members of the St. Bonaventure University Men's Rugby Team: Niles Arrango, Christian Ballassy, Davitt Barrett, Mason Beardsworth, Reynard Boshoff, Jacob Brennan, Collin Chiarelli, Patrick Clink, Rhys Cunningham, Joseph Deinhart, Nick Doumbe, Jean-Luc Doumbe, Michael Drew, Noah Edwards, Shane Elvin, Dara Falope, Conor Gerasimo, Troy Gittens, Chad Hagen, Christopher Haney, Nicholas Harding, Harry Healy, Troy Heroldt, Gavin Hooten, Matthew Joss, Sean Jr. Kagen, George Kaltenbach, Sean Kull, Frey Lant, Daniel Lowther, Aidan Lynch, Reagan Malloy, Matthew Marten, Jayden Matos, Thembi Mazibuko, Keegan McCallum, Kole McClain, Paul McCormack, Conor McGuirk, Sebastian Menges, Mehdi Merah, Kane Murray, Liam Murray, Nicholas Nattress, Eddie Nelson,

Keamogetswe Noko, Nikulas Otineru, Jacob Papesh, Timothy Petrilli, Sebastian Pitt, Henry Quance, Michael Sears, Tanyaradzwa Takaendisa, Manulua Taula, Jonny Thompson, Andrew Vollberg, Amare Wallace, Rory

Wallace, Dylan Walsh, Koen Webb, Rohan Welsh, Tyler White, Scott Wilson, Maseah Young, and Miska Young; Head Coach Daniel Neighbour; Assistant Coaches Cory Ratka and John Powers; Graduate Assistant Fielding Carlson; Strength and Conditioning Coach Greg Gustin; and Athletic Trainer Brendan Carter on their outstanding season, overall team record of 6-1-1, and upon the occasion of capturing the 2025 National Collegiate Rugby Division 1 Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the St. Bonaventure University Men's Rugby Team; Coach Daniel Neighbour, and Assistant Coaches Cory Ratka and John Powers; Graduate Assistant Fielding Carlson; Strength and Conditioning Coach Greg Gustin; and Athletic Trainer Brendan Carter.