

BY: Senator KAPLAN

CONGRATULATING student-athlete Kelly O'Krepkie
upon her designation as United States Lacrosse WCLA
Division II Preseason Player of the Year

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, team play and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; 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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the State of New York who, by achieving outstanding success in athletic competition, have inspired and brought pride to their school and community; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate student-athlete Kelly O'Krepkie upon her designation as United States Lacrosse WCLA Division II Preseason Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, A Port Washington, New York native, Kelly O'Krepkie has been a vital part of the Loyola Marymount Women's Lacrosse Program's recent successes; over the past two seasons, the Greyhounds have captured back-to-back titles, and they are once again amongst the favorites in 2020; and

WHEREAS, With her split-second decision making, Kelly O'Krepkie helped fuel an explosive offense which put up record setting numbers at the WCLA championship tournament in each of the past two seasons; and

WHEREAS, In 2018, the Greyhounds scored 68 goals in four tournament games, the second highest total ever, and capped their championship run off with a lopsided 14-3 win over defending champion Denver; Kelly O'Krepkie masterfully directed the offense that day, finishing with four goals and four assists en route to being selected as the tournament's most outstanding attacker; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride, and accomplishment, Kelly O'Krepkie has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of her school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate student-athlete Kelly O'Krepkie upon her designation as United States Lacrosse WCLA Division II Preseason Player of the Year,

and to wish her the best of luck in her 2020 season with the Loyola Marymount Greyhounds Women's Lacrosse Team; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kelly O'Krepkie.