

Senate Resolution No. 1922

BY: Senator TEDISCO

CONGRATULATING the Union College Women's Basketball Team and Head Coach Katie Marcella upon the occasion of capturing the 2026 Liberty League Women's Basketball Championship on March 1, 2026

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding athletes who have distinguished themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Union College Women's Basketball Team and Head Coach Katie Marcella upon the occasion of capturing the 2026 Liberty League Women's Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, To the praise and applause of their excited fans, the Dutchmen cruised to an 81-70 victory to capture the Championship at the Viniar Athletic Center in Schenectady, New York; and

WHEREAS, This monumental win lifted the Union College Women's Basketball Team to its first league championship since 2004, and its second conference title in program history; and

WHEREAS, Proudly donning the school's colors of garnet and white, family, friends, and the community at large loyally and enthusiastically supported the Dutchmen throughout their journey as they ended their season with an impressive 22-6 overall record; and

WHEREAS, After winning the Championship, the Union College Women's Basketball Team received an automatic bid to compete in the NCAA Division III Championships on Friday, March 6, 2026 at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine; and

WHEREAS, In a sport such as basketball, which demands athletic prowess, speed and agility, Head Coach Katie Marcella 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 court; and

WHEREAS, In addition to exceptional team play between the lines, the Union College Women's Basketball Team excelled in the classroom garnering a collective 3.44 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Katie Marcella, Assistant Coaches Richard Ziegler, Mike Smith, Rachel Colfer and Amy Loya and all the outstanding athletes on the Union College Women's Basketball 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 Union College Women's Basketball Team:

Julia Finney, Ryanne Gulbin, Allie Grove, Anna O'Keefe, Kylee Shah, Kate Peek, Grace Ceseretti, Olivia Cunningham, Morgan Schultz, Casey Weeren, Ally Burke, Aiko Bastiaens, Jelena Perovic, Grace Ardito, Hazel Hoog, Grace Arcoleo, Ryley Tate-Padian, Aiden Gill; Head Coach Katie Marcella; and Assistant Coaches: Richard Ziegler, Mike Smith, Rachel Colfer and Amy Loya upon the occasion of capturing the 2026 Liberty League Women's Basketball Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Union College Women's Basketball Team, Head Coach Katie Marcella, the aforementioned Assistant Coaches, and Director of Athletics; Jim McLaughlin.