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Senate Resolution No. 2722

BY: Senator MYRIE

CONGRATULATING New York Liberty's Sandy Brondello upon the occasion of capturing the Bronze Medal as Coach of the Australian Women's National Basketball Team at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games

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

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to join the New York Liberty community in honoring its Head Coach Sandy Brondello, a woman of great skill, personal courage and unparalleled dedication, whose character and athletic achievements are world-renowned and personify the highest ideals of the American spirit and Olympic Games competition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate New York Liberty's Sandy Brondello upon the occasion of capturing the Bronze Medal as Coach of the Australian Women's National Basketball Team at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games; and

WHEREAS, On Sunday, August 11, 2024, under Sandy Brondello's watch, the Australian women's national basketball team was back on the Olympic podium, taking down Belgium in an 85-81 win during the bronze medal game

of the Paris Games; and

WHEREAS, Under the stellar leadership of Sandy Brondello, Australia boasts one of the finest comeback stories of the Paris Games, and the Opals go home with their sixth medal in 10 Olympic showings; and

WHEREAS, This bronze medal is Sandy Brondello's fourth Olympic medal, having earned three as a player in 1996 (bronze), 2000 (silver), and 2004 (silver); and

WHEREAS, Sandy Brondello has served as the Head Coach of the New York Liberty since January 7, 2022, with a current standing of being the 1st Ranked Team in the Eastern Conference (2023); and

WHEREAS, The proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades, as a coach, Sandy Brondello was named WNBA Coach of the Year in 2014; as a player she was a WNBA All-Star in 1994, 1995, and 1999; additionally, in 1995 she was named a WNBA Most Valuable Player; she is currently a Queensland Sport Hall of Famer since 2009; and

WHEREAS, A true role model, Sandy Brondello has brought honor to her family, friends, and community; her character and achievements stand as a sterling example and inspiration to all who aspire to such extraordinary success; and

WHEREAS, Many will only dream of competing in the Olympics; this extraordinary athlete, through her hard work and tenacious spirit, has made that vision a reality as both a player and a coach, and has proudly

represented her country in competition among the world's finest athletes, an honor which will solidify her incredible legacy as an Olympic Champion; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate New York Liberty's Sandy Brondello upon the occasion of capturing the Bronze Medal as Coach of the Australian Women's National Basketball Team at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to New York Liberty Head Coach Sandy Brondello.