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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the 2013 William Smith College Women's Soccer Team upon the occasion of capturing the NCAA Division III National Championship

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, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the William Smith College Women's Soccer Team upon the occasion of capturing the NCAA Division III National Championship; and

WHEREAS, The 2013 William Smith College Women's Soccer Team won its second national championship by defeating Trinity University by a score of 2-0 at Toyota Field in San Antonio, Texas; the Lady Herons also won a national title in 1988; and

WHEREAS, The 2013 William Smith College Women's Soccer Team posted program records for wins in a season with 23 along with 21 shutouts this year; the Lady Herons did not allow a single goal in all six NCAA tournament victories, and allowed just six goals all season; and

WHEREAS, The 2013 William Smith College Women's Soccer Team finished the season with a record of 25-1-3; it was the 480th career win for William Smith Soccer Head Coach Aliceann Wilber, the winningest coach in Division III Women's Soccer; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by the 2013 William Smith

College Women's Soccer Team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Aliceann Wilber, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for her ability to develop potential into excellence; Coach Wilber and her entire coaching staff have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the 2013 William Smith College Women's Soccer Team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the 2013 William Smith College Women's Soccer Team, from the opening game of the season to its NCAA Division III National Championship, were a sisterhood of athletic ability, of good sportsmanship, of honor and of scholarship, demonstrating that these team players are second to none; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, the 2013 William Smith College Women's Soccer Team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on William Smith College; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment; Head Coach Aliceann Wilber and the 2013 William Smith College Women's Soccer Team's outstanding athletes have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of their college; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the 2013 William Smith College Women's Soccer Team and Head Coach Aliceann Wilber, on their outstanding season and their NCAA Division III National Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the 2013 William Smith College Women's Soccer Team and Coach Aliceann Wilber.