

2013-J4001

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating SUNY Plattsburgh student-athlete Kathleen Payne upon the occasion of being named the 2013-2014 SUNYAC Player of the Year for women's basketball

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize our young individuals, who strive for athletic and academic excellence through rigorous training and mental and physical discipline; and

WHEREAS, Athletic training and competition enhances the moral and physical development of young people in the State of New York, and prepares them for a productive future by instilling in them the value of hard work, healthy living and sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate SUNY Plattsburgh student-athlete Kathleen Payne upon the occasion of being named the 2013-2014 State University of New York Player of the Year for women's basketball, on Tuesday, March 4, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Payne, a senior at SUNY Plattsburgh, is the daughter of Helen Donohue-Payne and Charlie Payne; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding athlete was the Plattsburgh Cardinals' leading scorer and rebounder in the 2013-2014 season, averaging 19.7 points, and 7.6 rebounds per game; in addition, she broke the SUNY Plattsburgh's women's basketball scoring records setting a new all-time scoring record of 1,686 points, and rebound record of 740; and

WHEREAS, On Saturday, March 1, 2014, Kathleen Payne led the Cardinals to their first-ever SUNYAC Championship and earned its first-ever berth to the national championship; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Payne is a graduate of Goshen High School where she was an extraordinary overall athlete and basketball stand-out; while in high school she lettered in softball, soccer and volleyball, and she

remains Goshen's all-time leader in points, rebounds, assists, and blocked shots; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Payne has been a dominant force in women's college basketball throughout her college career; during the 2011-2012 season she earned the record for most points scored in a season, and the second-highest single season scoring average of 19.8 points per game; in the 2012-2013 season she helped lead her team to its second appearance in the SUNYAC Tournament Semifinals in the program's history; and

WHEREAS, Named SUNYAC Player of the Week twice, Kathleen Payne is a two-time All-SUNYAC First Team performer and former SUNYAC Rookie of the Year; she was also designated a Women's DIII News 2013-14 Pre-Season All-American; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Payne has truly earned this prestigious designation; her remarkable athletic ability, outstanding leadership, and exemplary sportsmanship merit the applause and recognition of all the citizens of New York State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate SUNY Plattsburgh student-athlete Kathleen Payne upon the occasion of being named the 2013-2014 SUNYAC Player of the Year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kathleen Payne.