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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating student-athlete Javon McCrea upon the occasion of being named the 2014 Mid American Conference 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 Javon McCrea upon the occasion of being named the 2014 Mid American Conference Player of the Year on March 12, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Senior forward Javon McCrea has made an indelible impression on the University at Buffalo (UB) basketball program; for the past four years this athlete has demonstrated not only exceptional athletic prowess, but also determination, discipline and leadership; during his final season, he has been named MAC East Player of the week three times; and

WHEREAS, Javon McCrea is UB's all-time leading scorer with 2004 points, third-leading rebounder with 988, and second player in UB history with 250 blocked shots; during the 2013-2014 season he averaged 18.9 points and 9.8 rebounds per game, leading the Mid-American Conference in

scoring and the league in rebounds; he was also 10th in the league in minutes played; and

WHEREAS, Nicknamed "The Kraken," Javon McCrea will graduate in May 2014 with a bachelor's degree in sociology from SUNY University at Buffalo; and

WHEREAS, He is 10th among all active players nationally in career points and eighth in career rebounds; the only active player in the nation with at least 1,900 points, 900 rebounds, 200 blocked shots, and 200 assists, he is 14th in MAC history in scoring, 18th in rebounding and fifth in blocked shots; and

WHEREAS, The only child of Shannon McCrea, Javon McCrea is a native of Newark, New York, where his prodigious athletic abilities were first displayed; he was a star player for Newark High School, and was named Finger Lakes Player of the Year three times; he was also named the DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE 2010 All-Greater Rochester Boys Player of the Year after leading his school to the state tournament final; and

WHEREAS, He made the AGR team three times, became Newark High School's all-time scorer, and averaged 22 points, 14 rebounds, and eight blocked shots his senior year; this stellar player also set a single-game Section V record with an amazing 17 blocks in one game; and

WHEREAS, His talent apparent, Javon McCrea was heavily recruited by many colleges, including Big East giant Georgetown University; however, the thoughtful student-athlete chose to remain in the great State of New York, close to his mother, and part of building a legacy as a player with the UB Bulls; and

WHEREAS, As a freshman, Javon McCrea proved to be not just one of the best freshman performers in the MAC Conference, but in all of college basketball; he was the sixth man on the UB team, but still led the Bulls

with 101 offensive rebounds, finishing 19th in the MAC in scoring, and eighth in rebounds; he was named the Mid-American Conference Freshman of the Year, as well as All-MAC Honorable Mention team; in addition, he was

tabbed as one of 21 players on the CollegiateInsider.com Mid-Major Freshman All-America team; and

WHEREAS, Four years later, Javon McCrea has truly established that he is a dominant force on the basketball court with a bright future ahead of him; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Javon McCrea has clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of his school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate student-athlete Javon McCrea upon the occasion of being named the 2014 Mid American Conference Player of the Year on March 12, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Javon McCrea.