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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Siena College Men's Basketball Team and Coach Jimmy Patsos upon the occasion of capturing the 2014 College Basketball Invitational 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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Siena College Men's Basketball Team and Coach Jimmy Patsos upon the occasion of capturing the 2014 College Basketball Invitational Championship on Saturday, April 5, 2014 in Loudonville, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Siena Saints Men's Basketball Team defeated the Fresno State Bulldogs 81-68 in the title game of the 2014 College Basketball Invitational Championship; and

WHEREAS, With the series score tied 1-1, the Siena Saints were cheered on by an energetic and enthusiastic home crowd; the game was played on campus at the Alumni Recreation Center for the first time since the 1996-97 season, adding to the excitement of the fans and players; the team jumped out to an early lead, and won in dominating fashion; and

WHEREAS, The Siena Saints staged an exceptional post-conference tournament comeback, playing outstanding basketball in their victories over Stony Brook, Penn State and Illinois State to enter the championship series; they finished the season winning nine of 11 games; and

WHEREAS, This is the first post-season championship for the Siena

College Men's Basketball Team since joining the ranks of Division I schools in 1976; and

WHEREAS, The success displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Jimmy Patsos and his team of outstanding assistant coaches, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The Siena Saints team members were loyally and enthusiastically cheered on by their devoted fan base, renowned for their support of this exceptional team; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coach Jimmy Patsos and these outstanding athletes have clearly made a 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 Siena College Men's Basketball Team and Coach Jimmy Patsos upon the occasion of capturing the 2014 College Basketball Invitational Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Siena Saints Men's Basketball Team and to Coach Jimmy Patsos.