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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the 2013-2014 University at Albany Men's Basketball Team and Coach Will Brown upon the occasion of capturing the America East Conference Title, and advancing to the NCAA Men's Basketball National Tournament

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, The University at Albany Men's Basketball Team captured their fourth America East Conference Title by defeating Stony Brook University 69-60 on Saturday, March 15, 2014; with this victory, they advanced to the NCAA Men's Basketball National Tournament for the second consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, In the First Four opening round, the UAlbany Great Danes went on to defeat Mount St. Mary's 71-64 to advance to the second round of the NCAA Basketball Tournament for the first time in school history; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Will Brown and assistant coaches, Chad O'Donnell, John Iati, Jeremy Friel, and Simon Clement, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The 2013-2014 University at Albany Men's Basketball Team members have proven themselves to be an outstanding collection of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

WHEREAS, Coach Will Brown and his team of assistant coaches have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the 2013-2014 University at Albany Men's Basketball Team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Head Coach Will Brown, his assistant coaches, and the 2013-2014 University at Albany Men's Basketball Team's 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 University at Albany Men's Basketball Team; Head Coach Will Brown; Associate Head Coach Chad O'Donnell; Assistant Coaches John Iati and Jeremy Friel; Graduate Assistant Simon Clement; and Director of Basketball Operations Jared Knotts on their outstanding season; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the University at Albany's Men's Basketball Team, Head Coach Will Brown and the aforementioned staff.