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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the 2013-2014 University at Albany Women's Basketball Team upon the occasion of advancing to the NCAA Women's Basketball National Tournament and on its outstanding season

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 commend the 2013-2014 University at Albany Women's Basketball Team upon the occasion of advancing to the NCAA Women's Basketball National Tournament and on its outstanding season; and

WHEREAS, The University at Albany Women's Basketball Team defeated Stony Brook University 70-46 at the SEFCU Arena, Albany, New York, on Monday, March 10, 2014, to claim its third-straight America East Conference title, qualifying for the NCAA tournament for the third time in school history; and

WHEREAS, The No. 15 seeded UAlbany Great Danes went up against No. 2 seed West Virginia University Mountaineers on Sunday, March 23, 2014, at the NCAA Tournament First Round game, Louisiana State University campus, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, The UAlbany Women's Basketball Team finished its impressive 2013-2014 season 28-5 overall, and 15-1 in the America East Conference, setting a new America East record with 38-consecutive conference regular season victories; and

WHEREAS, For the third straight season, UAlbany Head Coach Katie Abrahamson-Henderson was selected as the America East Conference Women's Basketball Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach, Katie Abrahamson-Henderson and her team of assistant coaches, Tahnee Balerio, Mary Grimes, and Kelly Komara, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, the 2013-2014 UAlbany Women's Basketball Team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Katie Abrahamson-Henderson and her team of assistant coaches have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the 2013-2014 UAlbany Women's Basketball Team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Head Coach, Katie Abrahamson-Henderson, her assistant coaches, and the 2013-2014 University at Albany Women'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 2013-2014 University at Albany Women's Basketball Team, its members: Bose Aiyalogbe, Erin Coughlin, Megan Craig, Cassandra Edwards, Jessica Fequiere, Tammy Phillip, Shereesha Richards, Margarita Rosario, Sarah Royals, Zakiya Saunders, Imani Tate, Keyontae Williams; Head Coach Katie Abrahamson-Henderson; Assistant Coaches Tahnee Balerio, Mary Grimes, and Kelly Komara; Graduate Assistant Manager Isoken Uzamere; and Director of Basketball Operations Brittany Hollingsworth on their outstanding season, overall team record, America East Conference Championship, and their NCAA Tournament participation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the 2013-2014 University at Albany's Women's Basketball Team, and to Head Coach, Katie Abrahamson-Henderson and the aforementioned staff.