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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Tracey Ranieri upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Under Armour Athletic Director of the Year Award by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics

WHEREAS, New York State's commitment to education is unparalleled; its history and stature are secured by the superlative caliber of its educational professionals and the student-athletes they inspire; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the distinguished careers of those outstanding educational leaders, whose dedication and achievements have been instrumental in developing character and athletic excellence in the young people of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor

Tracey Ranieri upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Under Armour Athletic Director of the Year Award by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics to be celebrated at its 49th Annual Convention on Wednesday, June 11, 2014, in Orlando, Florida; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious award recognizes the efforts of athletic directors for their commitment and positive contributions to student athletes, campuses, and surrounding communities; Tracey Ranieri is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, Tracey Ranieri is in her eighth year as SUNY Oneonta's athletic director; she has worked at SUNY Oneonta for 22 years, including 16 years as the women's soccer coach; and

WHEREAS, As SUNY Oneonta's athletic director, Tracey Ranieri oversees and supports a staff of more than 20 full-time coaches and athletic trainers, and nearly 460 student athletes in 21 different sports; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Tracey Ranieri manages a budget and facilities,

schedules over 400 competitions per year, travels to competitions, holds meetings, keeps track of athletes' eligibility, and works with other campus staff to support overall student experience; and

WHEREAS, The commitment to academic success as a first priority is woven into the fabric of SUNY Oneonta; Tracey Ranieri makes it her mission to have the experiences of student athletes be that of a student first, and athlete second; and

WHEREAS, A tremendous leader and advocate for athletics locally, regionally, and nationally, Tracey Ranieri also serves on the Division III Management Council, which develops legislation that shapes the division; she is in her second year of a four-year term for this position; and

WHEREAS, Tracey Ranieri has helped guide SUNY Oneonta's student athletes in many academic pursuits, winning numerous conference championships, and having students named All-Americans; and

WHEREAS, Tracey Ranieri is the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the esteemed SUNY Chancellor's Award for her excellence in professional service, and the City of Oneonta Trailblazer Award by the Commission on Community Relations and Human Rights; and

WHEREAS, Tracey Ranieri's commitment to fostering the development of student athletes, not only in their sports, but as scholars and contributors to the community beyond SUNY Oneonta's campus proves her as a role model; and

WHEREAS, Athletic directors like Tracey Ranieri provide a tremendous service to the future of our state and nation, inspiring generations of young people in their athletic journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; and

WHEREAS, Tracey Ranieri has clearly had an enduring impact on the youth of SUNY Oneonta, as well as on the community-at-large, and accordingly merits recognition and applause for her impressive dedication to others; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend the efforts of those individuals who work to support our proud tradition of college education by providing their skills and talents to our schools; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Tracey Ranieri upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the Under Armour Athletic Director of the Year Award by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics, and for her significant contributions to education in New York State; and to wish her continued success in all of her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tracey Ranieri.