

## 2015-J2328

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Sage College Men's Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the Skyline Conference Championship, and their outstanding 2014-2015 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, Sports 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, while 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 Sage College Men's Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the Skyline Conference Championship, and their outstanding 2014-2015 season; and

WHEREAS, The Sage College Men's Basketball Team recorded their most successful season in school history, accomplishing a program record 23 victories and first-ever Skyline Conference Tournament Championship; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the Sage Gators earned their first berth in the NCAA Division III Men's Basketball Tournament; and

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

WHEREAS, The team's overall record of 23-5 is outstanding, and the team members were loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the Sage College Men's Basketball Team, from

the opening game of the season to participation in the Championship, were a brotherhood of athletic ability, of good sportsmanship, of honor and of scholarship, demonstrating that these team players are second to none; and

WHEREAS, Athletically and academically, the team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

WHEREAS, Coach Brian Barnes and his dedicated staff have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coach Brian Barnes 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 Sage College Men's Basketball Team; its members: Kai Deans, Troy Nwanna, Jacob Sopchak, Andre Robinson, Jorrdan McCray, Melvin Ford, Travis Gill, Brett Ullman, Marcus Patterson, Matt LaClair, Ryan Wilson, Alex Lilac, and DaShaun Washington, Coach Brian Barnes, and Assistant Coaches Scott O'Reilly and Brian Eastman on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the Sage College Men's Basketball Team, and Coach Brian Barnes.