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Senate Resolution No. 4201

BY: Senator BONACIC

CONGRATULATING Michelle Diener upon the occasion of her induction into the SUNY Orange Colt Athletic Hall of Fame on November 4, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding athletes who have distinguished themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Michelle Diener upon the occasion of her induction into the SUNY Orange Colt Athletic Hall of Fame; this momentous occasion was celebrated on Saturday, November 4, 2017, at Kuhl's Highland House, Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Diener is a 1991 graduate of SUNY Orange, where she distinguished herself by her many notable achievements as a member of the basketball and softball teams; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Diener has always been an exceptional athlete; she was a stand-out member of both the Wallkill High School softball and basketball teams, and consequently, was named the 1989 Girls High School Player of the Year by the Kingston Freeman; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Diener continued to play basketball and softball at SUNY Orange; as a freshman, she led the Colts to a Region XV Basketball Championship, and a berth in the NJCAA National Tournament; and

WHEREAS, During both seasons at SUNY Orange, Michelle Diener was named to the Region XV First Team, as well as the All-Tournament Team; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Diener was also a key offensive player on the SUNY Orange Softball Team; she was selected as a Mid-Hudson Conference All-Star following each of her two seasons; and

WHEREAS, After transferring to Wagner College, Michelle Diener continued to excel on the basketball court, averaging 12 points and 7.9 rebounds as a junior, and 9.3 points and 6.7 rebounds as a senior; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Diener will be remembered for several amazing feats during her time at Wagner College; during a game against Robert Morris, she posted the third-highest single-game rebound total in Wagner College history with 24, and tied a college record for steals in a NEC Tournament Game; and

WHEREAS, Athletes such as Michelle Diener provide a tremendous service to the future of our State and Nation, inspiring generations of student-athletes in their athletic journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Michelle Diener for her extraordinary athletic accomplishments which are a tribute to her skill, dedication and commitment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Michelle Diener upon the occasion of her induction into the SUNY Orange Colt Athletic Hall of Fame on November 4, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michelle Diener.