

## 2023-J2253

Senate Resolution No. 2253

BY: Senator WALCZYK

CONGRATULATING LaKaiya Butcher upon the occasion  
of being named an NJCAA Division III Third Team  
All-American by the NJCAA Women's Basketball  
Committee

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor talented  
collegiate athletes who distinguish themselves and their community  
through outstanding academic and athletic performance; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical  
development of the young adults 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 congratulate  
LaKaiya Butcher upon the occasion of being named an NJCAA Division III  
Third Team All-American by the NJCAA Women's Basketball Committee; and

WHEREAS, A freshman at Jefferson Community College, LaKaiya Butcher  
played a significant role in leading the Cannoneers to the national  
Division III tournament as the team's leading scorer; she averaged 17.3  
points per game and started all 29 games as a 5-foot-11 guard; and

WHEREAS, A former Indian River player, LaKaiya Butcher currently

plays for Jefferson Community College and has contributed to their successful season with a record of 24-5 and advancing to the Region 3 championship game and then to the NJCAA nationals in Rochester, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, LaKaiya Butcher will be playing on a team that includes players from other colleges such as Hudson Valley Community College, Joliet, Illinois, Monroe-Bronx, and Dallas-Mountain View, Texas; and

WHEREAS, LaKaiya Butcher has distinguished herself as a young woman of superlative ability, talent, and maturity, establishing standards of excellence and achievement, purposefulness of life, and responsibility rarely achieved in youthful years; and

WHEREAS, LaKaiya Butcher may stand with pride in her achievements, experiencing the satisfaction of her labors and the joy of her accomplishments, eager to face the challenge of new experiences as she continues in her athletic and educational career; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate LaKaiya Butcher upon the occasion of being named an NJCAA Division III Third Team All-American by the NJCAA Women's Basketball Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to LaKaiya Butcher.