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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Onondaga Community College Men's Lacrosse Team and Coach Chuck Wilbur upon the occasion of capturing the 2009 NJCAA National Championship

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, teamwork, and competition; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those young people within the State of New York who, achieving outstanding success in athletic competition, have inspired and brought pride to their college; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Onondaga Community College Men's Lacrosse Team and Head Coach Chuck Wilbur upon the occasion of capturing the 2009 NJCAA National Championship; and

WHEREAS, To bring home a national title, as did the 2009 OCC Lazers, is a remarkable achievement; furthermore, to bring home three national titles in the past four years, as has been done by the OCC Men's Lacrosse Team, is truly an outstanding accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, In addition to its success in capturing a national championship title, the Lazers defeated Nassau Community College by a score of 9 - 8 in the championship game, giving the team a perfect season (16-0); this year, OCC also won its 5th consecutive NJCAA Region III Championship and its 9th consecutive Mid-State Athletic Conference title; and

WHEREAS, No team, no matter how gifted one or a handful of its members may be, can succeed without outstanding talent throughout its entire roster; such was the case for the 2009 OCC Lazars whose players included: Bob Schnibbe, Emmett Printup, Spencer Taugher, Jeremy Thompson, Connor Murphy, Pete Mumford, Ed Prevost, Corey Nowak, Aaron Cahill, Ryan Leach, Rudi George, Jon Bissell, Rashad Cureton, John Diaz, Vinnie Alexander, Elijah Printup, Brian Dowdle, D.J. O'Connell, Jon Fiorillo, Shaun Church, Jerome Thompson, Desi Gonzales, Spencer Lyons, Corey Rich, Mark Burnett, Dom Scalzo, Zach Fazio, Bennett Dee, Shayne Jackson, Zach Chawgo, Tim Hearne, Eric Miccio, Lanny Ellis, Grant Roehr, Adam Traynor, Kyle Merrill, Russell Longboat, Owen Alberts, Brad Romancik, Ben Thomas, Greg Geiss, Dave Williams, and Jason Ohnsman; and

WHEREAS, The success of the OCC Men's Champion Lacrosse team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Chuck Wilbur and his outstanding Assistant Coaches who include Mike Villano, Joe Villano, Chris Brim and Nick Gatto; the team was also assisted by the never-ending encouragement and support of friends, family and the entire OCC College Athletic Department, as well as the Central New York community; and

WHEREAS, While lacrosse is a team sport, national recognition of some Lazer team members must be noted: named NJCAA 1st Team All-Americans for 2009 were: attackman Jerome Thompson, midfielders Jeremy Thompson and Ed Prevost, defenseman Pete Mumford, and goalie Jon Fiorillo; and

WHEREAS, Attackman Dom Scalzo and defenseman Bob Schnibbe were named 2nd Team All-Americans; in addition, all 7 of the All-American selections, along with midfielder Corey Rich, were also named to the Region III All-Region 1st Team, with Jerome Thompson and Pete Mumford being named Region III Attackman of the Year and Defenseman of the Year respectively; Midfielder Elijah Printup was named to the All-Region 2nd

Team, and Onondaga head coach Chuck Wilbur was named the Region III Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, The 2009 Lazars shared noteworthy attributes off the field as

well as in competition; individually and collectively, they constantly exhibited good sportsmanship and scholarship, thereby demonstrating to themselves and to others that they have an enviable combination of talent and character which reflects favorably upon their school and their community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the Onondaga Community College Men's Lacrosse Team and Head Coach Chuck Wilbur on their most successful season and overall team record, and the capture of the 2009 NJCAA National Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the 2009 Onondaga Community College Men's Lacrosse Team and its coaches.