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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the St. Bonaventure University Outlaws Rugby Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2008 New York State Division II Championship

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can only be achieved 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, and imparting a desire for success in developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, it is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor the St. Bonaventure University Outlaws Rugby Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2008 New York State Division II Championship; and

WHEREAS, Established in 1975, the St. Bonaventure University Outlaws Rugby Team were previously New York State Champions in 1993, 1998, 2004 and 2007, and were ranked seventh in the final 2008 national rankings; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the St. Bonaventure Outlaws Rugby Team, from the opening match of the season to participation in the Championship, were a brotherhood of athletic ability, good sportsmanship, honor and scholarship, demonstrating that these team players are second to none; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Clarence Picard and his dedicated Assistant Coach Nick Hagen, skilled and inspirational tutors who have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the St. Bonaventure University Outlaws Rugby Team toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, The leadership displayed by Coach Clarence Picard is particularly remarkable in that this success was accomplished in just his third season in charge of the St. Bonaventure University Outlaws Rugby Team; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coach Clarence Picard and the outstanding athletes on the St. Bonaventure University Outlaws Rugby Team have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition at the school; and

WHEREAS, The St. Bonaventure University Outlaws Rugby Team's perfect regular season record of 6-0, reflects positively on the athletic abilities, positive personality, and leadership demonstrated by Captain Bob Owens; and

WHEREAS, In addition, the St. Bonaventure University Rugby Alumni Old Boys Association has established the first of its kind rugby scholarship in memory of Rob Peraza, who was tragically killed on September 11th; and

WHEREAS, Loyally and enthusiastically supported by St. Bonaventure University Rugby Alumni, family, fans, friends and the community at large, the St. Bonaventure University Outlaws Rugby Team have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the 2008 St. Bonaventure University Rugby Team; its members: Justin Alvarez, Ben Atkinson, Will Atkinson, Aaron Bean, Pat Carey, Craig Chatfield, Tom Conley, Matt Finney, Derek Folts, Bobby Foti, Joe Gattuso, Greg George, Mike George, Sam Giordano, Mark Hanna,

Jeff Hanrahan, Mike Hanrahan, Patrick Hart, Gregg Hoyos, Michael Kaplan, Brian Kelly, Darren Kmicinski, Casey Krug, Trevor Levine, Aaron Lilga, Gabe Martinez, Nick Maurer, Andrew Moldonado, Dan Meyers, Pat Monreal, Dennis Mulligan, Mike Murray, Bob Owens, Zibi Pawlowski, Matt Ryan, Chris Schott, J.T. Sheehan, Cameron Smith, Charlie Specht, Nick Sylor, Ted Theurkauf, Tom Theurkauf, Vasile Tivadar, and Jared Vos; and Coach Clarence Picard; upon the occasion of capturing the 2008 New York State Division II Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to St. Bonaventure University, the St. Bonaventure University Outlaws Rugby Team and Coach Clarence Picard.