

## 2009-K326

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Marist College Women's Basketball Team and Coach Brian Giorgis upon the occasion of capturing their fourth consecutive Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Regular Season and Tournament Championship

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 and competition; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Marist College Women's Basketball Team and Coach Brian Giorgis upon the occasion of capturing their fourth consecutive Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Regular Season and Tournament Championship; and

WHEREAS, The Marist College Women's Basketball Team is the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Regular Season and Tournament Champions; the Lady Red Foxes defeated Canisius by a score of 78-63, and with this victory, they earn an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Brian Giorgis and his team 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 29-3 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 Marist College Women's Basketball Team, from the opening game of the season to participation in the championship, were a sisterhood 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 Giorgis and his 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 Giorgis and his 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 Marist College Women's Basketball Team; its members: Katheryn Lyons, Julianne Viani, Elise Caron, Erica Allenspach, Brittany Engle, Rachele Fitz, Emily Stallings, Maria Laterza, Kristine Best, Corielle Yarde, Lynzee Johnson, Courtney Kolesar, and Brandy Gang; Assistant Coaches: Megan Gebbia, Keila Whittington and Erin Leger; and Coach Brian Giorgis on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Marist College Women's Basketball Team and to Coach Brian Giorgis.