

## 2009-J1327

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring the SUNY Rockland Community College Men's Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2009 Region XV Tournament

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those exemplary athletic teams within the State of New York that have represented the great Empire State with pride and determination and distinguished themselves through notable achievements; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor the SUNY Rockland Community College Men's Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the 2009 Region XV Tournament; and

WHEREAS, The SUNY Rockland Community College Men's Basketball Team finished its best season with a 22-13 overall record and pulled off one of the most dramatic comebacks in history in the finals of the Region XV Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Down by as much as 22 points with just 10 minutes left in the championship game, the SUNY Rockland Community College Men's Basketball Team stormed back to defeat Sullivan Community College, 81-77; and

WHEREAS, From the opening game of the season to participation in the Region XV Tournament Championship, the SUNY Rockland Community College Men's Basketball Team 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 Bill Kurisko and his dedicated staff, who have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the SUNY Rockland Community College Men's Basketball Team toward their goals for the season; and

WHEREAS, The SUNY Rockland Community College Men's Basketball Team was loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large and have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Coach Bill Kurisko and his outstanding athletes have clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which is a tradition of Rockland Community College; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the SUNY Rockland Community College Men's Basketball Team; its members: Pat Fuchs, Angel Gonzalez, Jermain Wallace, Travis Jordan, John Oakes, Kevin Philius, Taj Bridgers, Carl Thomas, Kevin Major, Marc Mandara, Edwin Perez, Matt Rose, Sanjar Tursonov and James Beckford; Assistant Coaches: Lenny Kurisko and John Yannaco; and Head Coach Bill Kurisko; upon the occasion of capturing the 2009 Region XV Tournament; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the SUNY Rockland Community College Men's Basketball Team and Head Coach Bill Kurisko.