

## 2009-K1400

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Onondaga Community College Women's Basketball Team and Coach Mike Wheeler on a successful season and being runner-up in the 2010 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 high schools; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the Onondaga Community College Women's Basketball Team and Head Coach Mike Wheeler on an undefeated regular season, a Mid-State Athletic Conference Championship, an NJCAA Region III Championship, and finishing runner-up in the 2010 NJCAA National Championship; and

WHEREAS, The Onondaga Community College Women's Basketball Team completed an undefeated regular season and won 36 straight games to reach the 2010 NJCAA Championship game; and

WHEREAS, To bring home a conference and regional title, as did the 2010 OCC Lasers, is a remarkable achievement; the Lasers won the 2010 Mid-State Athletic Conference Championship with a commanding 93-68 victory over Cayuga Community College; and

WHEREAS, The Lasers continued their success through the 2010 NJCAA

Region III Championship Tournament, winning the title 83-51, with another dominating performance over Cayuga Community College; and WHEREAS, Although the Lazers suffered a heartbreaking loss in the NJCAA Championship, they have much more to be proud of, including conference and regional titles, and a final record of 36-1; OCC proved itself to be one of the most successful women's basketball teams in all of New York and across the country; 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 2010 OCC Lazers whose players included: Imani Brown, Molly Byrne, Brittany Cohen, Caryn Crary, Jen Collis, Nicole Dwyer, Megan Maycumber, Jenna Rossi, Cara Scalisi, Christina Scalisi, Lauren Scalisi, Alecia Shaffer, Savannah Sicilio, Jessica Stagnita, and Kayla Trail; and

WHEREAS, The success of the OCC Women's Basketball Team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Mike Wheeler and his outstanding Assistant Coaches Katie Kelly and Meghan Mannion; the team was also assisted by the never-ending encouragement and support of friends, family and the community; and

WHEREAS, The 2010 Lazers 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 Women's Basketball Team and

Head Coach Mike Wheeler on their successful season and being runner-up in the 2010 NJCAA National Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the 2010 OCC Women's Basketball Team and its

coaches.