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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the Adelphi University Women's Lacrosse Team and Coach Joseph Spallina upon the occasion of winning their second consecutive Division II NCAA 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 and competition; and

WHEREAS, The Adelphi University Women's Lacrosse Team are the Division II NCAA Champions; the Lady Panthers secured their title by defeating West Chester, Pennsylvania, with a 17-7 victory; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Joseph Spallina and assistant coaches Alexis Curcio, Krista Pellizzi, and Rachel Ray, skilled and inspirational tutors, respected for their ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The team's overall record of 19-1 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 Adelphi University Women's Lacrosse 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 Joseph Spallina and his dedicated 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 Joseph Spallina and these 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 Adelphi University Women's Lacrosse Team; its members:

Courtney Acker, Nicole Bass, Jackie Bogensberger, Cathryn Bonitz, Arielle Burke, Holly Burke, Kaitlyn Carter, Michelle Ceraso, Demmianne Cook, Erica Devito, Elizabeth Fey, Caitlin Fitzpatrick, Lauren Fox, Brittany Fronczak, Tara Gangarossa, Alison Incarnato, Kristin Jones, Danielle Kafarski, Lindsay Kane, Alyssa LaBosco, Nicole Liebermann, Stacey McPartland, Marissa Mills, Claire Peterson, Corinne Pingitore, Sara Sangiorgio, Alison Staudt, Alison Tumulty, Kristina Wargo, Mariel Wenzel, Lindsay Whitfield, and Joanna Zahra; and Coaches Joseph Spallina, Alexis Curcio, Krista Pellizzi, and Rachel Ray on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Adelphi University Women's Lacrosse Team and to the aforementioned coaches.