

## 2015-J1047

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the 2014-2015 University at Buffalo Men's Basketball Team and Coach Bobby Hurley upon the occasion of advancing to the NCAA Men's Basketball National Tournament

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, This Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate the 2014-2015 University at Buffalo Men's Basketball Team and Coach Bobby Hurley upon the occasion of advancing to the NCAA Men's Basketball National Tournament on Saturday, March 14, 2015; this year marks the first time in school history the team will appear at The Big Dance; and

WHEREAS, To advance to the NCAA Tournament, the University at Buffalo Bulls defeated Central Michigan in an exciting 89-84 victory in the Mid-American Conference Championship Game; and

WHEREAS, The Bulls will now face the West Virginia Mountaineers as the 12th seed in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament on March 20, 2015, in Columbus, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Bobby Hurley and his staff, skilled and inspirational tutors, who in the past two seasons have achieved a 42-19 overall mark, including a new school record with 23 wins in a season; and

WHEREAS, The 2014-2015 University at Buffalo Men's Basketball Team

members have proven themselves to be an outstanding collection of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

WHEREAS, Coach Bobby Hurley has 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 Bobby Hurley and all of the 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 members of the University at Buffalo Men's Basketball Team and Coach Bobby Hurley on their historic first NCAA Tournament appearance, and to wish them the best of luck at The Big Dance; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the University at Buffalo Men's Basketball Team and Coach Bobby Hurley.