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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the College of St. Rose Women's Soccer Team upon the occasion of its outstanding 2014 Season

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 College of St. Rose Women's Soccer Team upon the occasion of its outstanding 2014 Season; and

WHEREAS, The 2014 College of St. Rose Women's Soccer Team compiled an extraordinary season; its overall record was an outstanding 21-1-3, including a 15-1-2 regular season record, and a superlative 11-1-2 conference performance; and

WHEREAS, Capturing the 2014 Northeast-10 Conference Tournament Championship for the seventh time in eight years, the College of St. Rose Golden Knights also won the NCAA East Region Championship for the sixth time in seven seasons to advance to the NCAA Division II Soccer Championships; and

WHEREAS, The College of St. Rose Women's Soccer Team also reached the Final Four NCAA Division II Championships for the sixth time in seven seasons, achieving a tied score in regulation against the National Champions; and

WHEREAS, The No. 1 ranked team in the nation for much of the 2014 season, the Golden Knights also led the Northeast-10 conference in

numerous categories, including goals, assists, fewest goals allowed, and lowest goals against average; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the College of St. Rose Women's Soccer Team was named the NSCAA Academic All-American Team for the 14th consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Head Coach Laurie Darling Gutheil, a skilled and inspirational tutor, respected for her ability to develop potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The hallmarks of the Golden Knights, from the opening game of the season to participation in the Final Four NCAA Division II Championships, 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 College of St. Rose Women's Soccer Team members have proven themselves to be an unbeatable combination of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Laurie Darling Gutheil and her coaching staff have done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the 2014 College of St. Rose Women's Soccer Team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Sports competition instills the values of teamwork, pride and accomplishment, and Head Coach Laurie Darling Gutheil and the College of St. Rose Women's Soccer Team's 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 2014 College of St. Rose Women's Soccer Team, its members: Madison Taylor, Ashley Homer, Silvana Giovannone, Nicole

Shively, Emily Opalinski, Carmelina Puopolo, Courtney Benson, Amanda Vasquez, Morgan Burchhardt, Emily Meeks, Roxana Hernandez, Sydney O'Shaughnessy, Kayley Jansen, Jourdan Thompson, Sammy Blizzard, Kristin

Carr, Joani Medero, Megan Reese, Emily Benjamin, Meeghan Arno, Quinn Massaroni, Gianna Smith, Micheala Phillips, Torez Ramsey, La'Quilla Upton, Amanda Roney, Jennifer Busk, Raven Small, Ojwanna Wilson, Jaime Durant, Head Coach Laurie Darling Gutheil, and Assistant Coaches Jason Gutheil, Amanda Deck, Kailey Egbert, Jim Lennox, Renae Ransdell, Brittany Godin, Adam Favro, Caleb Nelson and Laura Taylor on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the 2014 College of St. Rose Women's Soccer Team, and to Head Coach Laurie Darling Gutheil.