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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the 2014-2015 University at Albany Men's Basketball Team and Coach Will Brown 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 Albany Men's Basketball Team and Coach Will Brown upon the occasion of advancing to the NCAA Men's Basketball National Tournament; and

WHEREAS, To advance to the NCAA Tournament, the University at Albany Great Danes defeated Stony Brook University in an exciting 51-50 victory to win the America East Conference Championship Game on Saturday, March 14, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Great Danes will now face the University of Oklahoma Sooners as the 14th 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 Will Brown and his staff, skilled and inspirational tutors, who have guided their team to its third straight NCAA tournament appearance, and fifth overall; and

WHEREAS, The 2014-2015 University at Albany Men's Basketball Team members have proven themselves to be an outstanding collection of

talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

WHEREAS, Coach Will Brown 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 Will Brown, 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 Albany Men's Basketball Team and Coach Will Brown on their third straight 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 members of the University at Albany Men's Basketball Team, and Coach Will Brown.