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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating the 2015-2016 University at Buffalo Women's Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the Mid-American Conference Championship, and advancing to the NCAA Women'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 2015-2016 University at Buffalo Women's Basketball Team upon the occasion of capturing the Mid-American Conference Championship on Saturday, March 12, 2016, and advancing to the NCAA Women's Basketball National Tournament; and

WHEREAS, The University at Buffalo Bulls achieved their first Mid-American Conference Championship and NCAA Tournament berth in program history with an exciting last second shot to earn a 73-71 overtime victory over Central Michigan in the Mid-American Conference (MAC) Championship; and

WHEREAS, With this victory, the Buffalo Bulls have become the lowest seeded team to ever win the MAC tournament, and are only the second Big 4 school to ever send both its men's and women's teams to the Big Dance in the same year; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by this team is due in great part to the efforts of Coach Felisha Legette-Jack and her staff, skilled

and inspirational tutors respected for their ability to turn potential into excellence; and

WHEREAS, The 2015-2016 University at Buffalo Women's Basketball Team members have proven themselves to be an outstanding collection of talents, reflecting favorably on their school; and

WHEREAS, Coach Felisha Legette-Jack 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 Felisha Legette-Jack 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 members of the University at Buffalo Women's Basketball Team and Coach Felisha Legette-Jack upon the occasion of capturing the Mid-American Conference Championship, and advancing to the NCAA Women's Basketball National Tournament; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the University at Buffalo Women's Basketball Team and Coach Felisha Legette-Jack.