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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Dave Magarity upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Division I Coach of the Year Award by the Metropolitan Writers Basketball Association

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, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to commend those notable athletic coaches within our midst who serve the youth of this great Empire State and who have distinguished themselves and their schools through their exemplary athletic achievements and their outstanding commitment to excellence; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Dave Magarity upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Division I Coach of the Year Award by the Metropolitan Writers Basketball Association; and

WHEREAS, During the 2015-2016 season, Coach Dave Magarity lead his West Point Military Academy Black Knights Women's Basketball team to an impressive record of 29-3, including a 17-0 record at home; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this esteemed leader has guided the Black Knights to their second consecutive NCAA tournament berth in three seasons and fourth straight national postseason appearance; he also helped his team achieve three Patriot League tournament wins by an average margin of 25 points; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his illustrious career, Coach Dave Magarity has done a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; he has a lifetime record of 511 wins over 33 seasons, including a remarkable 198 wins in 10 seasons with the Army

women; and

WHEREAS, Coach Dave Magarity's positive attitude, selfless commitment, goal-oriented and balanced approach to instruction, on top of his genuine concern for his athletes have contributed to his enduring success as a coach and mentor at the West Point Military Academy, earning him the just respect of his community and the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Dave Magarity upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Division I Coach of the Year Award by the Metropolitan Writers Basketball Association; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dave Magarity.