

## **2017-J4203**

Senate Resolution No. 4203

BY: Senator BONACIC

CONGRATULATING Laura Gabella upon the occasion of her induction into the SUNY Orange Colt Athletic Hall of Fame on November 4, 2017

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding athletes who have distinguished themselves through their exceptional performance, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Laura Gabella upon the occasion of her induction into the SUNY Orange Colt Athletic Hall of Fame; this momentous occasion was celebrated on Saturday, November 4, 2017, at Kuhl's Highland House, Middletown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Laura Gabella is a 2002 graduate of SUNY Orange, where she distinguished herself by her many notable achievements as a member of the tennis team; and

WHEREAS, During her time at SUNY Orange, Laura Gabella played singles and doubles for the tennis team; as a freshman, she went 6-0 at No. 3 singles and 6-1 for No. 2 doubles; during her sophomore year, she improved to a mark of 6-2 at No. 1 singles and 7-0 at No. 1 doubles; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, Laura Gabella was named First Team All-Region XV, and helped lead the Colts to the NJCAA National Tournament where she was a finalist at No. 3 singles, and won the doubles No. 2 Championship; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, Laura Gabella was again named to the All-Region First Team, and won championships at both No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles at the NJCAA National Tournament in Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Laura Gabella then transferred to Pace University, where she continued to play in singles and doubles matches for the tennis team; and

WHEREAS, After graduating, Laura Gabella became a certified instructor and served as a volunteer Coach for the SUNY Orange Tennis Team, and Coach of the Goshen High School Tennis Team; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, Laura Gabella captured the Bronze Ball at the USTA National Grass Court Championship and has played on various other USTA teams including women's and mixed doubles; and

WHEREAS, Athletes such as Laura Gabella provide a tremendous service to the future of our State and Nation, inspiring generations of student-athletes in their athletic journeys and ensuring their success in their future years; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Laura Gabella for her extraordinary athletic accomplishments which are a tribute to her skill, dedication and commitment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Laura Gabella upon the occasion of her induction into the SUNY Orange Colt Athletic Hall of Fame on November 4, 2017; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Laura Gabella.