WHEREAS, the NJIT Women's Basketball team, known as the Highlanders, won the Great West Conference Tournament championship, and became the first women's team and second overall to win a Division I basketball championship in the history of the NJIT;

WHEREAS, the 2012-13 NJIT Women's Basketball team finished its historic championship season with a record of 16 wins and 15 losses with the team and its individual players setting numerous school season and career records, including most wins in Division I;

WHEREAS, the 2012-13 NJIT Women's Basketball team has become a symbol of pride and success to NJIT;

WHEREAS, Steve Lanpher, the Head Coach provided stellar leadership for this record setting team;

WHEREAS, Mark McCaleb, assistant coach; La Kea Jones, Assistant Coach; and Epiphany Smith, Assistant Coach, played an important role in coaching this exceptional NJIT Women's Basketball team;

WHEREAS, Rayven Johnson has been named Most Valuable Player of the Great West Conference Tournament;

WHEREAS, Uju Nwankwo has been named co-Defensive Player of the Year in the Great West Conference;

WHEREAS, Sarah Olson has been named to the all-Great West Conference Tournament team;

WHEREAS, Rayven Johnson, Uju Nwankwo, and Kimberly Dweck all received all-Great West Conference honors for the season;

WHEREAS, the 2012-13 NJIT Women's Basketball team was comprised of guard Kimberly Dweck; guard Melanie Griffin; forward Rayven Johnson; guard Jelena Zoric; forward Uju Nwankwo; guard Alyssa Albanese; guard Denisa Domiterova; forward Martina Matejcikova; center Nicole Maticka; guard/forward Sarah Olson; guard Kim Tullis, and center Nyasia Davis; and

WHEREAS, the NJIT Women's Basketball team should be praised for its historic season of both athletic and academic accomplishments;
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Jersey Institute of Technology Board of Trustees congratulates the NJIT Women's Basketball team on winning the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Great West Women's Conference Tournament Championship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the New Jersey Institute of Technology recognizes the athletic program of the New Jersey Institute of Technology for encouraging student-athletes to achieve in both sports and academics.

April 16, 2013
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