

Council of the City of Philadelphia Office of the Chief Clerk Room 402, City Hall Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 130315)

RESOLUTION

Recognizing and honoring the achievements of the La Salle University Men's Basketball Team for their accomplishments during the 2012-13 season.

WHEREAS, The La Salle University Explorers finished the 2012-13 season ranked #24 in the final USA Today/Coaches' Poll after the team posted a 24-10 record; and

WHEREAS, The Explorers team is led by nine-year head coach Dr. John Giannini. His team won a share of the Big 5 title with Temple after compiling a 3-1 City Series record and Dr. Giannini was recently named the Philadelphia Big 5 Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, The Explorers knocked off three nationally-ranked teams during the 2012-13 season, including #9 Butler, #19 VCU and #12 Kansas State. They also notched a program-record 11 Atlantic 10 wins; and

WHEREAS, The Explorers' 24-10 record was its best since 1990; and

WHEREAS, Ramon Galloway, La Salle's senior guard, was named First Team All-Atlantic 10, First Team All-District, selected to play in Reese's College All-Star Game at Final Four, and participated in the 2013 College Slam Dunk Championship; and

WHEREAS, Tyreek Duren, La Salle's junior guard, was named Second Team All-Atlantic 10, Second Team All-District; and

WHEREAS, La Salle won three games in the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament in a span of five days; and

WHEREAS, La Salle fought its way to the Sweet 16 for the first time since 1955; and

WHEREAS, The team contributed to the national lexicon by introducing the phrase "Southwest Philly Floater" to the country; and

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WHEREAS, La Salle's NCAA graduation rate of 91% for all student-athletes is among the best in the nation and the Academic Progress Rate has improved each season for the men's basketball team under Dr. Giannini and 100% of seniors recruited by the head coach have graduated; now therefore

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That it hereby recognizes and honors the La Salle University Men's Basketball Team for its achievements during the 2012-13 season.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That an Engrossed copy of this resolution be presented to La Salle University as evidence of the sincere sentiments of this legislative body.



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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the eighteenth day of April, 2013.

Darrell L. Clarke PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Michael A. Decker CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmembers Bass, O'Brien, Kenney and Squilla Sponsored by: Councilmembers Bass, O'Brien, Kenney and Squilla