Relating to: congratulating and commending the athletes, coaches, and staff at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater on their accomplishments.

Whereas, the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater has one of the nation’s most successful and longest-running collegiate wheelchair basketball programs; and

Whereas, the Warhawks men’s and women’s basketball teams have won 16 national championships—13 by the men’s team and three by the women’s team; and

Whereas, in September 2021, UW-Whitewater athletes led Team USA men’s wheelchair basketball to a gold medal at the Tokyo Paralympic Games, the second gold medal in a row for Team USA; and

Whereas, Team USA men’s wheelchair basketball included five players with ties to UW-Whitewater: John Boie of Milton, Jake Williams of Milwaukee, Matt Scott of Detroit, Nate Hinze of Cedar Grove, and Matt Lesperance of Coleman; and

Whereas, Christina Schwab, the UW-Whitewater head coach for women’s wheelchair basketball, was the assistant coach for Team USA men’s wheelchair basketball in Tokyo; and
Whereas, UW-Whitewater graduate Mariska Beijer, playing for the Netherlands women's wheelchair basketball team, helped that team take home the gold medal in Tokyo; and

Whereas, UW-Whitewater graduate Lindsey Zurbrugg helped the USA women's wheelchair basketball team take home the bronze medal in Tokyo; and

Whereas, these athletes set a tremendous example of strength, stamina, and resilience for fans across the nation and across the world; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the members of the Wisconsin Legislature congratulate and commend the athletes, coaches, and staff at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater on their achievements and wish UW-Whitewater alumni continued success in the future.

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