

## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

RESOLUTION OF COMMENDATION FOR THE WESTMONT COLLEGE
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM UPON THEIR 2013 NAIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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WHEREAS, the student-athletes of the Westmont College Women's Basketball Team captured their first NAIA Women's Basketball Division I National Championship on March 19, 2013, in Frankfort, Kentucky, winning five games in six days in a 32-team national tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Westmont College Women's Basketball Team compiled a season record of 30-4 in 2012-13, won back-to-back Golden State Athletic Conference (GSAC) Regular Season Championships, and went undefeated in GSAC play (14-0); and

WHEREAS, the student-athletes of the Westmont College Women's Basketball Team have distinguished themselves by striving for excellence in their play on the basketball court, in sportsmanship, in their classes, and as members of the college community, persevering and demonstrating true teamwork and commitment to each other and to the college; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Kirsten Moore was named GSAC Women's Basketball Coach of the Year in 2012 and 2013 and NAIA Women's Basketball Coach of the Year in 2013 despite losing her husband, Alex, May 9, 2012, and giving birth to their daughter, Alexis, June 29, 2012, while accumulating an overall record at Westmont of 173-78 (.689) and a GSAC record of 97-55 (.638), winning two GSAC regular season championships, one GSAC tournament championship and one NAIA National Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Tugce Canitez was named GSAC Women's Basketball Player of the Year in 2012 and 2013, Women's Basketball Coaches Association NAIA Player of the Year in 2012 and 2013, NAIA Women's Basketball Division I Player of the Year in 2013, and the 2013 National Tournament MVP, where she led all participants in scoring (111 points), rebounds (71), rebounds per game (14.20), free throws made (44) and free throws attempted (51); the free throw stats established new tournament records; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Westmont College Women's Basketball Team are: Erin Beadle, Gracie Boelsems, Tugce Canitez, Celina Gougis, Larissa Hensley, Dori Lansbach, Esther Lee, Lauren Rock, Kelsie Sampson, Lauren Sende, Karlie Storkson and Jillian Wilber; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Kirsten Moore and Assistant Coaches Selena Ho, Meghan Gnekow, Dani Russell and Emilie Johnson have guided and inspired this championship team, encouraging them to persevere through trials and close games, to develop excellence in all areas of their lives, to represent the values of Westmont College, while providing examples in their own lives of perseverance, hard work and dedication; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors commends the players, coaches, parents, and supporters of the 2012-2013 Westmont College Women's Basketball Team upon their 2013 NAIA Women's Basketball Division I National Championship and for their outstanding season of accomplishment.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California this 16th day of April, 2013, by unanimous vote of all members present.

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Chardia Idallar

Clerk of the Board

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