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MADISON - Senator **Dave Hansen** (D-Green Bay) says he is looking forward to presenting the UWGB Phoenix Women’s and Men’s basketball teams with citations from the State Senate honoring their accomplishments and their NCAA tournament bids.

“As a 1971 graduate I have watched a lot of Phoenix basketball over the years. And it’s always exciting when one of our teams makes the tournament,” said Hansen who represents the UWGB campus in the State Senate. “But to have both teams in the tournament at the same time is a great accomplishment and will provide a lot of great moments for Phoenix fans. Friday is going to be an exciting day!”

“I don’t think you can say enough good things about the players, the coaches and their supporters,” said Hansen. “We gave it our best with the citations but words can only express our pride and excitement so much.”



### **Senate Citation for the Women**

Date to appear on Citation: March 16, 2016

WHEREAS, the UW-Green Bay women's basketball team earned a trip to the NCAA tournament for the seventh time in eight years by defeating UW-Milwaukee 64-32 in the Horizon League Tournament championship game; and  
WHEREAS, the Phoenix also clinched its record 18th consecutive conference title with a 16-2 mark; and

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WHEREAS, the Phoenix bring a balanced attack on offense with five players averaging at least nine points per game and a stifling defense that is ranked in the top 10 nationally in points allowed per game; and

WHEREAS, senior Kaili Lukan became the 33rd member of the Green Bay women's basketball program to score over 1,000 points in her career, was named the Horizon League Defensive Player of the Year, and earned spots on the all-league second team and all-defensive team; and

WHEREAS, junior Mehryn Kraker led the Phoenix in scoring during league play by averaging 11.9 points per game and was named to the all-league second team for the second straight season and sophomore Jessica Lindstrom led the team with 9.3 rebounds per game in league play and was recognized with all-defensive team honors; and

WHEREAS, this is only the second time in school history that both the men's and women's teams have made it to the NCAA Tournament in the same season; now

**THEREFORE, the members of the Wisconsin Senate, on the motion of Senator Dave Hansen, do congratulate the UW-GREEN BAY WOMEN'S**



### **Senate Citation for the Men**

Date to appear on Citation: March 14, 2016

WHEREAS, the UW-Green Bay men's basketball team defeated Wright State 78-69 for the Horizon League tournament championship; and

WHEREAS, the Phoenix also upset top-seeded Valparaiso during its first run to the NCAA Tournament since 1996; and

WHEREAS, the Phoenix defense has generated 344 steals this season, which is tops in the nation and they led the Horizon League with an average of 10 steals per game; and

WHEREAS, the Phoenix offense had four players average in double-figures in conference play, led by senior guard Carrington Love at 17.8 points per game and finished second in scoring offense by averaging 84.0 points per game; and

WHEREAS, senior Carrington Love was named to the All-Horizon League First Team, senior Jordan Fouse was awarded Second Team honors, and both players were also named to the All-Defensive Team, with Fouse becoming just the second player in conference history to be selected to the Horizon League All-Defensive team four-consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, a team picked to finish sixth in the Horizon League has more than exceeded expectations under new head coach Linc Darner by finishing fourth in conference play by posting an impressive 11-3 mark at the Resch Center and surpassing the 20-win mark for the third-straight season; and

WHEREAS, Coach Darner told his players during their first meeting last April that they would make it to the NCAA Tournament this season and they responded by earning a spot for the fifth time in program history; now

**THEREFORE, the members of the Wisconsin Senate, on the motion of Senator Dave Hansen, do congratulate the UW-GREEN BAY MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM on a**

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**successful regular season and wish them the best of luck in the NCAA tournament.**

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