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Mrs. C. Vivian Stringer  
Head Coach  
Rutgers University Women's Basketball  
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Mrs. Stringer:

I would like to wholeheartedly congratulate you for your selection for induction into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. It is a much deserved honor for your 40 years of hard work, sacrifice and diligence. You are certainly a fine example of success, not only for the Rutgers Community and New Jersey, but for Americans everywhere.

I have enclosed the text of remarks that I intend to submit for the official Congressional Record in tribute to this recent honor, when the U.S Senate returns to session on April 20, 2009. Once this becomes part of the Record, I will present you with an official copy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Menendez".

ROBERT MENENDEZ  
United States Senator

Enclosure:

Mr. MENENDEZ. M. President I rise to extend my congratulations to C. Vivian Stringer for her selection for induction into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. It is a proper tribute for such a distinguished and celebrated career. This is certainly an incredible honor which stands tall, even amongst her other considerable accolades.

The success that Vivian Stringer has achieved in her 38 year coaching career, including the last fourteen at Rutgers University, speaks for itself: 825 victories; 30 seasons of twenty or more wins; 22 NCAA Tournament appearances; four Final Fours with three different programs; Olympic Gold as an assistant coach with the 2004 U.S. Women's Basketball team. Her commitment to excellence is unsurpassed and lauded by peers and supporters alike.

Most importantly, Vivian Stringer has served, above all else, as a teacher to each of her players. Her dedication to education beyond the court is clear, as her players traditionally graduate on par with their non-athlete classmates. The students who have walked into her program walk out of it as strong and dignified women, each ready to continue the legacy of achievement that Vivian Stringer has set before them, whatever the arena. Two years ago, Vivian Stringer's leadership was on display as the Lady Scarlet Knights, in the face of adversity and slander, served as shining examples of exceptional poise and grace.

This 2009 Hall of Fame Class is indeed one of the most distinguished in memory, and it is fitting that Vivian Stringer will enter alongside other luminaries that share her caliber of

achievement. I applaud Vivian Stringer's service to Rutgers University, the entire basketball community, and the great State of New Jersey. I wish her luck as she continues her career and in all of her other future endeavors.