

## **2023-J943**

Senate Resolution No. 943

BY: Senator TEDISCO

PAYING tribute to the 1955-1956 Nott Terrace High School Basketball Team upon the occasion of being honored as part of a special Legacy Tribute during the 25th Annual Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame and Reunion Dinner on September 11, 2023

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those outstanding athletes who inspired and brought pride to their school and community through outstanding achievements in competition, attaining unprecedented success and the highest level of personal achievement; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to pay tribute to the 1955-1956 Nott Terrace High School Basketball Team upon the occasion of being honored as part of a special Legacy Tribute during the 25th Annual Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame and Reunion Dinner on Monday, September 11, 2023, at the Event Center at Rivers Casino & Resort in Schenectady, New York; and

WHEREAS, Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, teamwork and team spirit, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the youth of this State, preparing them for the future by instilling in them the value of teamwork, encouraging a standard of healthy living, imparting a desire for success and developing a sense of fair play and competition; and

WHEREAS, Coached by Hall of Famer Walt Przybylo, the 1955-1956 Nott Terrace High School Basketball Team finished 18-1 and winning the Class "A" League title and the Section Two-Nine Intersectional championship, outscoring opponents by an average of 76.1 to 53.2; and

WHEREAS, During this phenomenal run, the 1955-1956 Nott Terrace High School Basketball Team were led by Ducky Castelle (20.1 points per game) and Athletic Hall of Fame members Murray Melton (17.3 ppg) and Tom Mossey (17.2 ppg), with Castelle and Mossey sharing Schenectady County Co-Players of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Gifted athletes, the 1955-1956 Nott Terrace High School Basketball Team proved themselves to be an unbeatable combination of athletic and academic talents, whose character and achievements stand as a sterling example and inspiration to all who aspire to success; and

WHEREAS, Loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large, the 1955-1956 Nott Terrace High School Basketball Team is considered by many to be the greatest basketball team in Nott Terrace history and one of the best in the history of the Schenectady City School District and Section II, clearly

contributing to the spirit of excellence which became a tradition at their school; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when

individuals of such outstanding athletic accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate the members of the 1955-1956 Nott Terrace High School Basketball Team on their sustained excellence and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members and coaches of the 1955-1956 Nott Terrace High School Basketball Team.