



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

James Tedisco

Tedisco joins Mary Lyall of Ballston Spa, Mother of Suzanne Lyall, and Center for Hope at the 21st Annual NYS Missing Persons Day in Albany

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Assemblyman John McDonald (D-Cohoes), Senator Jim Tedisco (R,C-Ballston Lake), Mary Lyall of Ballston Spa, co-founder of the Center for Hope, and Assemblyman Phil Steck (D-Colonie)

Senator Jim Tedisco (R,C-Ballston Lake) today emceed the 21st annual Missing Persons Day Ceremony at the NYS Museum and Cultural Education Center, which is sponsored by the Center for Hope. The event brings together family members of missing persons from across the state to share ways of coping and keeping hope alive, to prevent abductions and share information to find those who are missing.

Missing Persons Day is organized by Mary Lyall of the Center for Hope in Ballston Spa, whose daughter, Suzanne, went missing from the University at Albany in 1998.

The Center for Hope, started by Mary Lyall and her late husband, Doug Lyall, has been a national leader in efforts to help find missing persons and advocating for legislation and innovative programs on the state and federal levels.

“The commemoration of Missing Persons Day has been led by a hero of mine, Mary Lyall, the mother of Suzanne Lyall. Mary, and her late husband Doug, founded the Center for Hope in Ballston Spa to advocate for missing persons and for legislation and policies to help families of missing persons and ensure what happened to them did not happen to other families. Through this event, we continue to get the message out about the need to keep remembering those who are missing and to

keep hope alive,” said Senator Jim Tedisco.

Senator Tedisco has sponsored and passed several laws and initiatives in his legislative career to help families of missing persons and is regarded as one of the legislature’s foremost experts on the subject. Tedisco is currently sponsoring bipartisan legislation ([S.7688](#)) to install security cameras in the entrances and exits of all state parks, following the abduction last fall of a child in his senate district from Moreau Lake State Park. The Governor has included funding for those cameras in her proposed state budget.

related legislation

[2023-S7688](#)

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- Introduced
 - In Committee Assembly
 - In Committee Senate
 - - On Floor Calendar Assembly
 - On Floor Calendar Senate
 - - Passed Assembly
 - Passed Senate
 - Delivered to Governor
 - Signed By Governor
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[Requires the installation and use of security camera systems at all entrances and exits of state parks](#)

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