

BY: Senator TEDISCO

HONORING Ernie Marshall posthumously upon the occasion of his induction into the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame on September 19, 2022

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those outstanding athletes who inspired and brought pride to their school and community by achieving outstanding success 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 honor Ernie Marshall posthumously upon the occasion of his induction into the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame, to be celebrated at its Athletic Hall of Fame and Reunion Dinner on Monday, September 19, 2022, at Rivers Casino and Resort, Schenectady, New York; and

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

WHEREAS, Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the young people 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, An exceptional athlete, Ernie Marshall was a standout sprinter at Mont Pleasant High School; he ran on two winning teams at the Penn Relays Championships of America during the 1930s; and

WHEREAS, Ernie Marshall won the 100, 220, and 440 at two prestigious races at New Hampshire Interscholastic Track and Field Championship Meets, and set records in the 220- and 440-yard dash; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Ernie Marshall won the 220-yard dash at the 1937 Class A Eastern New York Public School Athletic League Championship; in honor of his many accomplishments a New York Herald Tribune sports columnist was prompted to compare him to the great Olympic champion, Jesse Owens; and

WHEREAS, Ernie Marshall was named to the 1938 National All-Scholastic Track Team as the best 220-yard runner in scholastic circles; his 220-yard Sectional record (21.6) stood for 19 years, while his 440-yard Sectional record (49.2) stood for 23 years; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Ernie Marshall for his extraordinary athletic accomplishments which are a tribute to his

skill, dedication, and commitment; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 honor Ernie Marshall posthumously upon the occasion of his induction into the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame on September 19, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Ernie Marshall, and the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame.