

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMENDING Frank Giotto upon the occasion of his induction into the 2023 Oneida County History Center's Richard W. Couper Living Legends Hall of Fame

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life in this great Empire State is indelibly enriched by the faithful and untiring efforts of those individuals who have helped shape the history of their area; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Frank Giotto upon the occasion of his induction into the 2023 Oneida County History Center's Richard W. Couper Living Legends Hall of Fame, to be honored at the annual Historical Hall of Fame and Living Legends Awards Celebration at the Irish Cultural Center in Utica, New York on Thursday, October 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Founded in 1946, the Historical Hall of Fame honors individuals from Oneida County who have made an impact on the community and the world; its goal is to ensure that noteworthy people in the Oneida community and their achievements are recorded in local history; and

WHEREAS, An innovative business leader and community benefactor, Frank Giotto studied electrical technology at Mohawk Valley Community College, mathematics at Utica College, and received his graduate degree from SUNY Cortland; and

WHEREAS, Working as a math teacher before his company's incorporation in 1985, Frank Giotto is well-known as the Founder of Fiber Instrument Sale (FIS); today, FIS is one of the leading distributors of fiber optic connectivity equipment in the Nation and serves customers throughout the United States and 110 countries worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Frank Giotto pioneered the FIS Training Manual, a popular addition to the fiber optic curriculum taught at many colleges, universities, and technical schools; and

WHEREAS, A devoted entrepreneur, Frank Giotto is the President and Founder of Giotto Enterprises, which is composed of seven manufacturing companies and proudly employs 450 people in the Mohawk Valley; and

WHEREAS, Giving back to the community, Frank Giotto served on numerous non-profit boards, including Utica College, UCP-United Cerebral Palsy, Utica Symphony, and Hope House; he shares his success with the community and has made major contributions to Utica Tower, Giotto Center (UCP), Utica Zoo, and Utica College; and

WHEREAS, With a tireless and unwavering commitment to Central New York and beyond, Frank Giotto has devoted his entire life to making communities a better place for its citizens to live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, This extraordinary man has an immensely beautiful life built on compassion, kindness, and respect for others; he is one of the most significant and enduring civic and political leaders in the County of Oneida, and his insight and strength will forever serve the countless people he has touched; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Frank Giotto upon the occasion of his induction into the 2023 Oneida County History Center's Richard W. Couper Living Legends Hall of Fame; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Frank Giotto.