

Senate Resolution No. 2336

BY: Senator TEDISCO

PAYING tribute to the 1956-58 State Championship Cross Country Teams upon the occasion of being honored as part of a special Legacy Tribute during the 26th Annual Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame and Reunion Dinner on September 16, 2024

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 1956-58 State Championship Cross Country Teams upon the occasion of being honored as part of a special Legacy Tribute during the 26th Annual Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame and Reunion Dinner on Monday, September 16, 2024, 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 Schenectady Hall of Famer Bill Leonard, Nott Terrace High School won State titles in both 1956 and 1957, and Mont Pleasant High under the leadership of another Schenectady Athletic Hall of Fame member Ray Vacca School won the state crown in 1958; and

WHEREAS, The 1956 Nott Terrace team won the Proctor Invitational and finished second in the NYU Interscholastic Run prior to winning its season State title at Baldwinsville; and

WHEREAS, The 1957 Nott Terrace cross-country team once again won the Proctor Invitational and finished second at the Grout Run (behind city rival Mont Pleasant), and finished 2nd at the St. John's Run & 3rd in the NYU Run, and concluded its season by winning a second consecutive State title on Long Island; and

WHEREAS, The 1958 Mont Pleasant cross-country team took the Proctor Run, Grout Run, and New York University Interscholastic Cross-Country Meet prior to winning their State cross-country meet at Colgate; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals and teams 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 1956 and 1957 Nott Terrace Cross-Country Team members: Paul Landofo, Jason Nogee, John O'Sullivan, Peter Runge, Pete Schuyler, Phil Spencer, Ray Westendo, John Abele, Mike Cotton, Tom Finnigan, Dan Hackett, James Lloyd, Francis Mills and Mark Youmans; and 1958 Mont Pleasant Cross-Country Team members: Tom Farry, Joe Hartley, Ron Horan, Mike Keigher, Bob Lewkowicz, Bob Potter and Jim Scott 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 1956-58 State Championship Cross Country Teams.