

BY: Senator BORRELLO

COMMENDING Gregg "Gio" Giannotti upon the occasion of his designation as the 2024 Italian American of the Year by the New York Conference of Italian American State Legislators

WHEREAS, From time to time this Legislative Body takes note of certain extraordinary individuals it wishes to recognize for their valued contributions to the success and progress of society and publicly acknowledge their endeavors which have enhanced the basic humanity among us all; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Gregg "Gio" Giannotti upon the occasion of his designation as the 2024 Italian American of the Year by the New York Conference of Italian American State Legislators; and

WHEREAS, Successful in the sports radio business, Gregg Giannotti is the co-host of the hit morning drive sports radio program, Boomer & Gio, on WFAN; also featuring former NFL MVP Boomer Esiason, the show blends sports talk with general life topics, dominating the ratings as the top overall morning show in the market; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Hofstra University, Gregg Giannotti began working at WFAN in 2005 as an intern, before taking a full-time position in 2007 as a board operator; he quickly took on producing responsibilities and by 2008, he was hosting his own show on the iconic station; and

WHEREAS, Rising through the ranks, Gregg Giannotti gained the opportunity to host CBS Radio's Sportsradio 93.7 The Fan's night in 2010, when the station launched a new all-sports radio station in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; six months later, he was promoted to host the station's morning show; later, he would further establish himself as a prominent voice in sports broadcasting by hosting a weekend show on CBS Sports Radio; and

WHEREAS, Venturing into college sports, Gregg Giannotti served as a sideline reporter and pregame host for University of Pittsburgh football in the 2012 and 2013 seasons; and

WHEREAS, Launched in January of 2018, Boomer & Gio has enjoyed continued success as the premier sports radio morning show in New York; Gregg Giannotti has used his platform to support a number of charitable causes, helping to raise money for cystic fibrosis research as well as the LT Michael P. Murphy Navy Seal Museum; and

WHEREAS, Residing in Sayville, New York, with him throughout have been his wife, Gina, and his two daughters, Sabrina and Summer, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his

achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Gregg "Gio" Giannotti upon the occasion of his designation as the 2024 Italian American of the Year by the New York Conference of Italian American Legislators; and be it further and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Gregg "Gio" Giannotti.