

BY: Senator TEDISCO

HONORING Jim Scott upon the occasion of his induction into the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame on September 11, 2023

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 Jim Scott 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 11, 2023, 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, As an elite track and cross-country runner at Mont Pleasant High School, Jim Scott was the 1959 State 440-yard champion, setting a new State record (48.8), breaking the record of Lou Jones, a future world record holder and Olympic Gold medalist; and

WHEREAS, Jim Scott won the Utica Scholastic Meet 440-yard title in record time and was ranked 15th in the nation for the 440-yd. run by the U.S. Track & Field News, along with garnering a fifth overall ranking in the East; and

WHEREAS, Jim Scott attended college at Alfred, where he was the 1961 New York State Small College 440-yard champion, winning in record time (49.6), and ran on the school's sprint relay team that finished third in the Penn Relays that same year; and

WHEREAS, Jim Scott's Alfred team finished 11th in the 1960 NCAA University Division Cross-Country Championships, just behind Notre Dame, and also won the State Small College Cross-Country Championship in 1960 and 1961 in addition to a 1962 440-yard State title; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Jim Scott 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 Jim Scott upon the occasion of his induction into the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame on September 11, 2023; and be it further

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