

BY: Senator TEDISCO

HONORING Gary Przybylo posthumously 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 Gary Przybylo 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 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, An exceptional athlete, Gary Przybylo was a 1968 basketball All-American at Linton High School, where he played for his father, SCSD Athletic Hall of Famer, Walt Przybylo; and

WHEREAS, Gary Przybylo was the 1968 Schenectady County Player of the Year and a second team All-State selection, along with being a two-time Class "A" League First Team All-Star; and

WHEREAS, Demonstrating acumen in more than just one sport, Gary Przybylo was also the 1968 State high jump champion (6'6"), and set a new meet record in winning the high jump at the 1968 Schenectady Interscholastic Track Carnival (now the Eddy Meet); and

WHEREAS, Gary Przybylo was the 1968 Arlington Track Relays Outstanding Field Athlete, winning both the high jump and the long jump, jumping to a height of 6'7" in a dual meet; and

WHEREAS, Gary Przybylo received an athletic scholarship to Michigan State University, and later shared his expertise coaching basketball at Schenectady County Community College, Bethlehem Central High School and Mohonasen High School; and

WHEREAS, In another well-deserved honor, Gary Przybylo was a member of the inaugural class of the Capital Region/Upstate New York Basketball Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to Gary Przybylo 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 Gary Przybylo posthumously 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 the family of Gary Przybylo, and the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame.