Assembly Resolution No. 507

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HONORING Christopher Macchio upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York Conference of Italian American Legislators on May 19, 2025

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and celebrate those exemplary individuals of Italian American heritage who have distinguished themselves through exceptional accomplishments in their professional lives and whose dedication to community service reflects the highest ideals of citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Christopher Macchio upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the New York Conference of Italian American Legislators on Monday, May 19, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Macchio is being honored as an acclaimed tenor, accomplished recording artist, and proud son of Italian American lineage; and

WHEREAS, Born on August 1, 1978, in Holbrook, Long Island, Christopher Macchio was raised in a family that instilled in him strong values and a deep appreciation for his Italian heritage; his father, Dennis Macchio, was a distinguished economics professor, successful entrepreneur, and professional racecar driver, while his mother, Lorraine Macchio, dedicated herself to nurturing the family before contributing her talents to community banking; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Macchio's extraordinary vocal talent was first recognized during his time at Sachem High School; encouraged by a discerning music teacher, he embarked on formal voice training, eventually studying under esteemed instructors, including Metropolitan Opera baritone Theodor Uppman at the Manhattan School of Music and Holocaust survivor and NYU adjunct professor John Kuhn; and

WHEREAS, Demonstrating both intellectual curiosity and artistic discipline, Christopher Macchio earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in European History from Stony Brook University in 2007, all while pursuing a burgeoning music career; and

WHEREAS, Renowned for his powerful voice and compelling stage presence, Christopher Macchio has performed in world-class venues such as Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center, and across continents including Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East; as a member of the celebrated New York Tenors, he has brought joy to diverse audiences while honoring his cultural roots; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, Christopher Macchio signed with EMI Records, releasing his debut studio album Dolci Momenti (Sweet Moments), followed

by a holiday album, O Holy Night; fusing classical operatic mastery with contemporary appeal, his work has solidified his standing as a premier crossover artist; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Macchio's vocal artistry has been showcased on prominent media platforms including FOX, ABC, NBC, Rai Italia, and PBS, most notably in the televised concert Bell'Aria: Live From Las Vegas; in 2024, he expanded his artistic repertoire with a Hollywood film debut in Alejandro Monteverde's Cabrini and a role in Don Q alongside Armand Assante; and

WHEREAS, A true global artist, Christopher Macchio performs fluently in numerous languages-Italian, French, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Farsi, Hindi, Russian, Turkish, Hebrew, and Arabic-underscoring his deep commitment to cross-cultural expression and the universal language of music; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to humanitarian causes, Christopher Macchio has lent his talents to numerous charitable initiatives, including the Tunnel to Towers Foundation and Muhammad Ali's Celebrity Fight Night with music icon David Foster; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Macchio's patriotism and artistry intersected powerfully in his performances at the 2020 and 2024 Republican National Conventions, and in January 2025, he made history as the first male vocalist since 2005 to perform The Star-Spangled Banner at a U.S. presidential inauguration; and

WHEREAS, Christopher Macchio exemplifies the enduring spirit, resilience, and excellence of the Italian American community; his artistic achievements and unwavering commitment to service continue to uplift and inspire audiences and aspiring artists across New York State and the Nation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Christopher Macchio upon the occasion of his designation as the 2025 Italian American of the Year by the New York Conference of Italian American Legislators, commending his extraordinary contributions to the arts and public life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Christopher Macchio.