

**BY:** Senator TEDISCO

**COMMENDING** Ed Alger upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame on September 14, 2020

**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,** 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 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 commend Ed Alger upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Schenectady City School District at its 23rd Annual Schenectady County Athletic Hall of Fame and Reunion Dinner on Monday, September 14, 2020, at Glen Sanders Mansion, Scotia, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Ed Alger ran on sectional championship cross-country and track teams at Mont Pleasant High School; he was the 1952 state intersectional mile champion, after finishing third the year before; and

**WHEREAS,** In both 1951 and 1952, Ed Alger was the sectional mile champion; he was a two-time Section II cross-country champion, setting a course record while winning the 1950 title; and

**WHEREAS,** Ed Alger finished fourth in the 1950 state intersectional cross-country race, and Mont Pleasant was the runner-up; furthermore, he finished fifth in the 1951 state intersectional cross-country run when Mont Pleasant won the state title; and

**WHEREAS,** This exceptional athlete won the Watertown Interscholastic Invitational Cross-Country Run in 1950, Poughkeepsie Road Race in 1950, Fordham Run in 1951, and Utica-Proctor Invitational Cross-Country Meet in 1951; and

**WHEREAS,** Ed Alger was recruited by more than 50 colleges before selecting Syracuse, where he ran cross-country; while there, he finished 46th in the 1953 NCAA Cross-Country Championships and his Syracuse team finished third; and

**WHEREAS,** Moreover, Ed Alger finished 41st in the 1954 NCAA Cross-Country Championships, when Syracuse finished second; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom 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 commending Ed Alger upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition by the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame on September 14, 2020; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ed Alger.