

BY: Senator TEDISCO

PAYING tribute to the 1969-1970 Linton High School Boys Basketball Team upon the occasion of it being honored as part of a special Legacy Tribute during the 23rd Annual Schenectady County Athletic Hall of Fame and Reunion Dinner 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 pay tribute to the 1969-1970 Linton High School Boys Basketball Team upon the occasion of it being honored as part of a special Legacy Tribute during the 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, Considered to be one of the greatest basketball teams in Section II history, the 1969-1970 Linton High School Boys Basketball Team finished their incredible season with a 22-0 record; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding team were the Class A League Champions, Section II Class A and A-B Champions, and were ranked No. 1 in New York; and

WHEREAS, Throughout this magical season, the Linton High School Boys Basketball Team averaged over 85 points per game, and only one victory during the season was by less than 10 points; and

WHEREAS, The athletic talent displayed by the 1969-1970 Linton High School Boys Basketball Team was due in great part to the efforts of Schenectady Central School District Hall of Famers Head Coach the late Walt Przybylo and Assistant Coaches the late Bill Rapavy and Ed Catino, skilled and inspirational tutors who did a superb job in guiding, molding and inspiring the team members toward their goals; and

WHEREAS, Gifted athletes, the 1969-1970 Linton High School Boys

Basketball Team proved themselves to be an unbeatable combination of athletic and academic talents, whose character and achievements stand as a sterling example and inspiration to all who would aspire to success; and

WHEREAS, Loyally and enthusiastically supported by family, fans, friends and the community at large, the 1969-1970 Linton High School Boys Basketball Team clearly made a contribution to the spirit of excellence which became a tradition at their school; 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 congratulate the members of the 1969-1970 Linton High School Boys Basketball Team: Chuck Abba, Paul Comley, Sam Croce, Dave Denofio, the late Sidney Edwards, Dan Lombardi, the late Dave Modest, Jim Phillips, the late Bill Supronowicz, Paul DeLuca, Charlie Mack, and Henry Vitallo; Head Coach the late Walt Przybylo; Assistant Coaches the late Bill Rapavy and Ed Catino; Team Managers Jim Nagle and Larry Gordon on their outstanding season and overall team record; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the members of the 1969-1970 Linton High School Boys Basketball Team, Team Managers Jim Nagle and Larry Gordon, and the families of its deceased team members, Head Coach Walt Przybylo, and Assistant Coaches Bill Rapavy and Ed Catino.