

Senate Resolution No. 1363

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMENDING Dr. Andrew L. Drozd upon the occasion of his induction into the 2025 Oneida County Historical Richard W. Couper Living Legends Hall of Fame on November 6, 2025

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those extraordinary individuals whose innovation, leadership, and dedication have profoundly enriched the vitality of their communities and advanced the fields in which they serve; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Dr. Andrew L. Drozd upon the occasion of his induction into the 2025 Oneida County Historical Richard W. Couper Living Legends Hall of Fame, to be celebrated on Thursday, November 6, 2025; and

WHEREAS, The Oneida County History Center, a private not-for-profit educational institution, is dedicated to preserving the history, heritage, and culture of the Greater Mohawk Valley for present and future generations; through its Historical Hall of Fame and Living Legends Celebration, it honors individuals whose professional accomplishments and community engagement exemplify excellence and service; and

WHEREAS, A distinguished member of the 2025 class of Living Legends, Dr. Andrew L. Drozd of Rome, New York, is an accomplished engineer, innovator, and entrepreneur whose pioneering work in secure communications and artificial intelligence has garnered national and international recognition; and

WHEREAS, Known affectionately as "Andy," Dr. Drozd pursued his academic studies in physics and engineering, earning degrees from Syracuse University and later a Doctorate from St. John Fisher University, where he focused on the intersection of artificial and emotional intelligence; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Andrew L. Drozd began his career at the Rome Air Development Center, later serving as a lead electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) test engineer at General Electric; his vision and expertise led him to establish ANDRO Computational Solutions, LLC, in 1994, a company that has become a recognized leader in advancing secure communications, electromagnetic spectrum technologies, and artificial intelligence solutions; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Andrew L. Drozd has been a prolific innovator, holding more than 20 patents, co-founding multiple ventures, and contributing extensively to the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and international standards organizations that shape the future of global communications technology; and

WHEREAS, Beyond his professional achievements, Dr. Andrew L. Drozd has demonstrated a deep commitment to his community; he co-founded the Project Fibonacci Foundation, an initiative dedicated to inspiring and mentoring the next generation of leaders in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM), and he actively supports numerous local educational and civic programs; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Andrew L. Drozd resides in Rome, New York, with his wife, Barb, and their son, Evan; together, they share a love for church, music, travel, and outdoor activities, reflecting his belief in balance, creativity, and service to others; and

WHEREAS, A visionary whose work bridges science, education, and community engagement, Dr. Andrew L. Drozd stands as an exemplar of innovation guided by integrity, humanity, and civic pride; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those individuals whose lives and careers embody the highest ideals of leadership and service, and whose accomplishments inspire both present and future generations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Dr. Andrew L. Drozd upon the occasion of his induction into the 2025 Oneida County Historical Richard W. Couper Living Legends Hall of Fame, recognizing his exceptional achievements as an engineer, entrepreneur, innovator, and community advocate; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Andrew L. Drozd.