

Senate Resolution No. 1365

BY: Senator GRIFFO

COMMENDING Michael J. DiMeo 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 that the quality and character of life in this great Empire State is indelibly enriched by the faithful and untiring efforts of those individuals who have helped shape the history of their areas; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend Michael J. DiMeo 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; each year, it proudly honors outstanding citizens whose lifelong contributions have significantly enhanced the community through the Historical Hall of Fame and Living Legends Celebration; and

WHEREAS, A distinguished member of the 2025 class of Living Legends, Michael J. DiMeo of New Hartford, New York, has earned the admiration and respect of colleagues, students, and community members alike for his extraordinary dedication to music, education, and civic life; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Notre Dame High School and the Crane School of Music at SUNY Potsdam, Michael DiMeo devoted more than three decades to music education, most notably as band director at New Hartford Senior High School, where he inspired countless students to pursue excellence across a wide range of musical genres; and

WHEREAS, An accomplished trumpeter and conductor, Michael DiMeo has performed with celebrated ensembles including La Banda Rossa, Classified, the Utica Symphony Orchestra, the Schenectady Symphony Orchestra, the Four Tops, the Temptations, and the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, Michael DiMeo's leadership has profoundly shaped the musical landscape of the Mohawk Valley and beyond; he has directed the New Hartford Citizens' Band for 49 years, the Utica University Concert Band for more than three decades, and became the first conductor of the Half Moon Orchestra in 2022; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of his lifelong contributions to the art of music and the advancement of musical education, Michael DiMeo has previously been inducted into both the National Buglers Hall of Fame and the World Drum Corps Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Michael J. DiMeo's remarkable achievements reflect his unwavering commitment to fostering creativity, discipline, and community spirit through music, leaving an enduring legacy of inspiration for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to commend individuals of outstanding character, whose lives exemplify the highest ideals of citizenship, and whose dedication to excellence and service enrich the fabric of our society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Michael J. DiMeo upon the occasion of his induction into the 2025 Oneida County Historical Richard W. Couper Living Legends Hall of Fame, recognizing his exceptional accomplishments, leadership, and devotion to music and community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Michael J. DiMeo.