Senate Resolution No. 2057

BY: Senator MATTERA

HONORING Kyle Palmieri upon the occasion of his designation as Italian American of the Year by the New York Conference of Italian American State Legislators on May 18, 2026

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize and commend those distinguished individuals of Italian American heritage whose professional achievements, personal integrity, and dedication to community serve to enrich the State of New York and bring honor to their ancestry; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Kyle Palmieri upon the occasion of his designation as Italian American of the Year by the New York Conference of Italian American State Legislators, to be celebrated on Monday, May 18, 2026, in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Kyle Palmieri has distinguished himself as an exemplary athlete, leader, and ambassador of the sport of ice hockey, reflecting great credit upon himself, his family, and his Italian American heritage; and

WHEREAS, Born on February 1, 1991, in Smithtown, New York, and raised in Montvale, New Jersey, Kyle Palmieri developed his passion and skill for hockey at an early age, attending St. Peter's Prep and playing youth hockey in West Orange, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Kyle Palmieri honed his talents with the USA Hockey National Team Development Program before advancing to collegiate competition at the University of Notre Dame, where he recorded 17 points in 33 games during the 2009-2010 season; and

WHEREAS, Selected 26th overall in the first round of the 2009 NHL Entry Draft by the Anaheim Ducks, Kyle Palmieri began his professional career with the Syracuse Crunch of the American Hockey League, where he quickly established himself as a dynamic scorer, including recording a hat trick early in his tenure; and

WHEREAS, Kyle Palmieri made his National Hockey League debut on November 3, 2010, with the Anaheim Ducks, scoring his first career goal in that same game, and went on to contribute over five seasons with the organization; and

WHEREAS, On June 27, 2015, he was traded to the New Jersey Devils, where he emerged as a cornerstone offensive leader, scoring 132 goals over five seasons, achieving seven 20-goal seasons, including a 30-goal campaign in 2015-2016, and earning selection to the 2019 NHL All-Star Game; and

WHEREAS, On April 7, 2021, Kyle Palmieri was traded to the New York Islanders, where he has continued to demonstrate leadership and consistency, serving as an alternate captain and playing a key role in the team's success; and

WHEREAS, In May 2025, he signed a two-year contract extension, ensuring his continued contributions to the Islanders organization through the 2026-2027 season; and

WHEREAS, Internationally, Kyle Palmieri has proudly represented the United States, earning a gold medal at the 2010 IIHF World Junior Championship, a bronze medal at the 2011 World Junior Championship, and a bronze medal at the 2008 IIHF Under-18 World Championship, in addition to competing in the 2012 World Championship and the 2016 World Cup of Hockey; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, Kyle Palmieri has exemplified the values of perseverance, sportsmanship, and excellence, earning recognition such as selection to the AHL First All-Star Team in 2012; and

WHEREAS, As a proud Italian American, Kyle Palmieri serves as an inspiration to aspiring athletes and young people throughout New York and the nation, embodying the enduring legacy of hard work, dedication, and cultural pride; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Kyle Palmieri upon the occasion of his designation as Italian American of the Year by the New York Conference of Italian American State Legislators on May 18, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Kyle Palmieri.