Senate Resolution No. 2204

BY: Senator TEDISCO

HONORING Richard DiCaprio upon the occasion of his induction into the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame on September 14, 2026

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 honor Richard DiCaprio upon the occasion of his induction into the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame at its 2026 Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame & Reunion Dinner on Monday, September 14, 2026, at the Event Center at Rivers Casino & Resort, Schenectady, New York; and

WHEREAS, Richard "Rit" DiCaprio played four years of varsity football at Mont Pleasant High School, where his teams won three Class "A" League championships, and in 1967, his team boasted an undefeated record and a no. 1 ranking in New York State; and

WHEREAS, Following an outstanding high school football career, Richard "Rit" DiCaprio played defensive end and on special teams at the University of Maryland where he earned two varsity letters (freshmen were ineligible to play varsity and he was injured as a sophomore); and

WHEREAS, As a junior, DiCaprio's Maryland team finished 8-4 (5-1 in the ACC) garnering a top 20 national ranking, and an appearance in the Peach Bowl; and

WHEREAS, The following year (1974), Richard "Rit" DiCaprio 's Maryland team won the Atlantic Coast Conference title (6-0 conference record), finishing with an overall record of 8-4, and was ranked 13th in the nation outscoring their opponents 316-104; and

WHEREAS, Richard "Rit" DiCaprio later played semi-pro football for the Albany Metro Mallers, and served as an assistant football coach at Schenectady High School from 1991 to 1999; and

WHEREAS, Recognized by his peers, Richard "Rit" DiCaprio is also a member of Capital Region Football Hall of Fame; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Richard DiCaprio upon the occasion of his induction into the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame on September 14, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Richard DiCaprio.