

**BY:** Senator TEDISCO

**COMMENDING** the 1934 Nott Terrace High School Cross Country Team upon the occasion of being honored at the Special Legacy Tribute during the 28th Annual Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame and Reunion Dinner on September 14, 2026

**WHEREAS,** It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those outstanding athletes who inspired and brought pride to their school and community through outstanding achievements 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 commend the 1934 Nott Terrace High School Cross Country Team upon the occasion of being honored at the Special Legacy Tribute during the 28th Annual Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame and Reunion Dinner on Monday, September 14, 2026, at the Event Center at Rivers Casino & Resort in Schenectady, New York; and

**WHEREAS,** Excellence and success in competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous practice, teamwork, and team spirit, and is nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and

**WHEREAS,** Athletic competition enhances the moral and physical development of the youth 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,** Coached by Bill Eddy, the 1934 Nott Terrace High School Cross Country Team won the American Interscholastic Cross-Country Championship in Newark, New Jersey, defeating 59 high schools and preparatory schools from around the United States and Canada; and

**WHEREAS,** Coach Bill Eddy's ability to hone the skills of championship teams was evident during this time period, as this was one of seventeen won by his Schenectady High School and Nott Terrace High School teams; and

**WHEREAS,** Team members Ray Vacca and Richard Slade were both selected on the 1934 All-American Cross-Country Team; and

**WHEREAS,** It is the custom of this Legislative Body that when individuals and teams 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 1934 Nott Terrace High School Cross Country Team: Ray Vacca, Richard Slade, Cletus Stamper, Captain Mathew

Eggleston and John Foley on their sustained excellence and overall team record; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the families of team members and coaches of the 1934 Nott Terrace High School Cross Country Team.