

Senate Resolution No. 2301

BY: Senator TEDISCO

HONORING Nelson Griffin 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 Nelson Griffin 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, Nelson Griffin lettered in cross country, indoor and outdoor track, and wrestling at Mont Pleasant High School, excelling as a hurdler and sprinter on three Mont Pleasant Section II championship outdoor track and field teams; and

WHEREAS, Nelson Griffin was the anchor runner on a school record setting 440-yard relay team in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Following a stellar high school track and field career, Nelson Griffin went on to letter in track and field at SUNY Farmingdale and SUNY Cortland; and

WHEREAS, Nelson Griffin ultimately returned to Schenectady and was the boys' varsity outdoor track and field coach at Mont Pleasant High School and Schenectady High School for a total of 31 seasons; and

WHEREAS, Nelson Griffin's Mont Pleasant teams won Class B Sectional Track and Field championships in 1989 and 1990, and his 2001 Schenectady High School team finished undefeated and won the Section II Class "A" Championship Meet, as well as the Eddy Meet and Schenectady Invitational; and

WHEREAS, Nelson Griffin coached 51 Sectional champions, had a 202-32 record in Big Ten Conference dual meets, won seven Big Ten dual meet championships and eight Big Ten Meet Championships; and

WHEREAS, Recognized for his leadership and administrative acumen, Nelson Griffin was the Big Ten Track & Field chairman (1987-2007) and Everett Grout Cross Country Meet director (1992-2001); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Nelson Griffin 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 Nelson Griffin.