

BY: Senator TEDISCO

HONORING Ernest Houghton posthumously upon the occasion of his induction into the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame for his achievements in basketball, baseball, and football at Union College in Schenectady, New York

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 Ernest Houghton posthumously 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, During the 1914 season, Earnest Houghton led Union College to a 11-3 record, which he then followed up with a 13-1 campaign in 1915, and in both years the college won Northeastern Intercollegiate League championships; and

WHEREAS, In 1914 and 1915, Ernest Houghton was selected to be a basketball All-American, and was additionally the 1915 Helms Foundation College Basketball Player of the Year, putting his name up alongside players from major programs such as Wisconsin, Syracuse, and Purdue; and

WHEREAS, Following his collegiate basketball career, Ernest Houghton played for Hudson in the New York State League, one of the first established pro basketball leagues in the nation; and

WHEREAS, In 1914, Ernest Haughton started at quarterback and led Union College football to their first undefeated season in program history; and

WHEREAS, Ernest Haughton spent all four years playing collegiate baseball, where he was described to be a hard-hitting first baseman; and

WHEREAS, Following Ernest Haughton's playing career, he went on to become a basketball and football coach at The Albany Academy, continuing to pass on the gift which he was provided; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Ernest Haughton posthumously 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 the family of Ernest Haughton.