

Senate Resolution No. 2303

**BY:** Senator TEDISCO

**PAYING** tribute to Tony Cristello upon the occasion of being honored as part of a special Memorial 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 and pay tribute to those who captured the images which inspired and brought pride to their schools and communities through artistic endeavors, attaining unprecedented publicity, and the highest level of personal success; and

**WHEREAS,** Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to pay tribute to Tony Cristello upon the occasion of being honored as part of a special Memorial 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 photographing competitive sports can be achieved only through strenuous attention to detail, effort to develop one's craft, and an immense pride in surrounding communities, nurtured by dedicated practice and strategic planning; and

**WHEREAS,** Tony Cristello was born on September 28, 1942, in the City of Schenectady, and attended Mont Pleasant High School where he made friends who lasted him throughout the rest of his life, often coming back together to the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame and Reunion Dinners; and

**WHEREAS,** Tony Cristello pursued his interest in art at the New York State University at Albany, prior to helping his mother operate their family restaurant, Cristello's, a staple in the Mont Pleasant neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS,** Following working at the family restaurant, Tony Cristello spent many years working as a draftsman at the General Electric company; and

**WHEREAS,** Throughout Cristello's life, he produced oil paintings and pastels, many of which featured horses and are currently on display all around the Saratoga region; and

**WHEREAS,** Tony Cristello's artwork was not only confined to horse's, as he produced many of the collages to honor inductees in the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame, created tribute painting which brought recognition to Schenectady High School State Championship basketball teams, and put countless hours decorating the trophy cases at Schenectady High School; and

**WHEREAS,** Much of Tony Cristello's work is still on display throughout the Schenectady City School District, including numerous pieces in Schenectady High School and Woodlawn Elementary; and

**WHEREAS,** Tony Cristello passed away peacefully on October 23, 2025, with his loving family by his side, and is remembered fondly by all those who were fortunate enough to be a part of his life; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to Tony Cristello upon the occasion of being honored as part of a special Memorial Tribute during the 28th Annual Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame and Reunion Dinner; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family members of Tony Cristello.