

BY: Senator TEDISCO

PAYING tribute to Barry Kramer upon the occasion of being honored as part of a special Memorial Tribute during the 27th Annual Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame and Reunion Dinner on September 15, 2025

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 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 pay tribute to Barry Kramer upon the occasion of being honored as part of a special Memorial Tribute during the 27th Annual Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame and Reunion Dinner on Monday, September 15, 2025, 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, nurtured by dedicated coaching and strategic planning; and

WHEREAS, Barry Kramer was born on November 10, 1942, in the City of Schenectady, and attended Linton High School where he played three years of varsity basketball coached by Schenectady City School District Hall of Famer Walt Przybylo; and

WHEREAS, Barry was named the 1960 Schenectady County Player of the Year and was a First Team Parade All-American, scoring 1,003 career points, and in addition to all his basketball accolades; Barry set the Section II high jump record (6'4") his senior year; and

WHEREAS, Following his graduation from Linton High School in 1960, Barry Kramer decided to continue his basketball career by accepting a basketball scholarship to Division I New York University (NYU), where he averaged 29.3 points per game (2nd best in the nation) and was selected First Team AP All-American during his junior season in 1963; and

WHEREAS, Barry Kramer played in two NCAA Tournaments, scoring 34 points vs. Duke in an NCAA East Regional Semi-Final game; and

WHEREAS, Barry Kramer holds several NYU records and was given the school's highest honor for scholar-athletes being inducted into the university's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Barry Kramer's 29.3 scoring average in the '62-'63 season remains on top of the NYU record books along with total free throws made (235) and consecutive free throws made (24) in a single season; and

WHEREAS, Barry Kramer was a first round NBA draft pick of the San Francisco Warriors in 1964 (8th overall selection) and split the 1964-65 season between the Warriors and the New York Knicks; and

WHEREAS, While with the Warriors, Barry Kramer played with Wilt Chamberlain, Nate Thurmond, Guy Rodgers and Al Attles, and with the Knicks, Willis Reed and Tom Gola; and

WHEREAS, Following the 1964-65 season, Barry Kramer enrolled at Albany Law School, where he graduated second in his class and obtained his Juris Doctor in 1968; and

WHEREAS, After his basketball career, Barry Kramer forged a stellar legal career serving as Schenectady County Surrogate's Court Judge from 1993 to 2009, and then joined the New York State Supreme Court in 2010 where he remained until his retirement in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Additional accolades for Barry Kramer include the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame (1999), being part of the inaugural class of the Capital District Sports Hall of Fame (2003), a member of the Capital Region/Upstate New York Basketball Hall of Fame (2009), and a member of the National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame (2014); and

WHEREAS, Barry Kramer passed away on January 4, 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 Barry Kramer upon the occasion of being honored as part of a special Memorial Tribute during the 27th 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 Barry Kramer.