

## 2013-J3253

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring St. Francis High School graduates Tom Telesco and Dave Caldwell for their distinguished service to the National Football League

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to publicly recognize those extraordinary individuals from the State of New York who have made contributions to the success and progress of society in the course of their life's work; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor St. Francis High School graduates Tom Telesco and Dave Caldwell for their distinguished service to the National Football League; and

WHEREAS, Class of 1992 graduate Dave Caldwell and Class of 1991 graduate Tom Telesco, were recently introduced as the general managers for the NFL franchises of the Jacksonville Jaguars and San Diego Chargers, respectively; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from St. Francis High School, Tom Telesco attended John Carroll University in Ohio, where he played wide receiver for the football team and was a starter for the Ohio Athletic Conference championship team in 1994; he graduated in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in business management; and

WHEREAS, Tom Telesco began his journey as an intern with the Buffalo Bills from 1991-1994, and later joined the Indianapolis Colts organization in 1998 where from 1998-2000, he served as an area scout; his career continued serving in a variety of capacities, including pro scout (2001-2003), director of pro scouting (2005), director of player personnel (2006-2011) and vice president of football operations (2012); and

WHEREAS, Tom Telesco's tenure with the Colts was one of the most successful eras in the franchise's history, including 12 postseason

appearances, eight division titles, two Super Bowl appearances, one resulting in a win in 2006, and 154 wins; he was also involved in the drafting of Peyton Manning and Andrew Luck, two of the NFL's biggest stars; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from St. Francis High School, Dave Caldwell attended John Carroll University in Ohio, where he was a two-year letterman as outside linebacker from 1992-1996; he graduated in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in finance/business administration; and

WHEREAS, Dave Caldwell began his career in 1996 as a scouting assistant with the Carolina Panthers and later joined the Indianapolis Colts in 1998 as an area scout; he served as an area scout from 1998-2007 and then became director of college scouting for the Atlanta Falcons from 2008-2011; in 2012, he was promoted to director of player personnel for the Falcons; and

WHEREAS, Dave Caldwell helped to build the roster that contributed to the Colts Super Bowl victory in 2006 which consisted of multiple pro bowl players; his success in Atlanta included four postseason appearances and the only NFC team to post five consecutive winning seasons; and

WHEREAS, Both Dave Caldwell and Tom Telesco attribute their success to their St. Francis football coaches Jerry Smith and John Scibetta and also the Polian family; and

WHEREAS, Dave Caldwell, his wife Joelle, and his son David Michael II, are excited for their move to Jacksonville and his next step in the NFL; Tom Telesco brings with him his wife Larah, and his three children Elena, Thomas and Nicholas to begin his new career in San Diego; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of

this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

honor St. Francis High School graduates Tom Telesco and Dave Caldwell for their distinguished service to the National Football League; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tom Telesco and Dave Caldwell.