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Senate Resolution No. 5672

BY: Senator TEDISCO

HONORING Paul Bricoccoli upon the occasion of his induction into the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame on September 17, 2018

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to outstanding athletes who have distinguished themselves through their exceptional performance, 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 Paul Bricoccoli upon the occasion of his induction into the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame, to be celebrated at its 21st Annual Reunion Dinner on Monday, September 17, 2018, at Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia, New York; and

WHEREAS, A 1962 graduate of Linton High School, Paul Bricoccoli distinguished himself by his many notable achievements in football and baseball; he was also a coach of various sports for Glens Falls High School; and

WHEREAS, In 1960, Paul Bricoccoli began his successful run as the hero of the football team when he scored eight touchdown passes and ran for five touchdowns under the tutelage of Coach Dick Lalla; and

WHEREAS, The next year, Paul Bricoccoli threw three touchdown passes in a 27-0 victory over LaSalle Institute, and started on a defensive unit which was unscored upon against Section II opponents; and

WHEREAS, During both the 1960 and 1961 seasons, Paul Bricoccoli helped his team finish with an outstanding record of 7-1; he was also named All-County Quarterback, and was selected to the All-Class "A" League Football Team, and an honorable mention to the Wigwam Wiseman Scholastic All-American Football Team; and

WHEREAS, Paul Briococcoli also played three years of varsity baseball under the leadership of Coach Dom Denio; in 1962, he was named an All-County Baseball Pitcher; and

WHEREAS, After graduating high school, Paul Bricoccoli played football at the University of Rhode Island (Yankee Conference), where he was the starting quarterback from 1963-1965; he will always be remembered for his two touchdown passes in the team's 14-6 upset of Brown University; and

WHEREAS, From 1973-1999, Paul Bricoccoli served as the Glens Falls High School Varsity Football Coach; throughout his exceptional coaching career, Paul finished with a cumulative record of 149-80-3, and captured eight league championships, three Sectional titles, and the 1993 New York State Regional Championship; he was also recognized as Coach of the Year four times; and

WHEREAS, Paul Bricoccoli also successfully coached varsity baseball, tennis, bowling and girls' track and field with Glens Falls High School; and

WHEREAS, In addition to being inducted into the Schenectady City

School District Athletic Hall of Fame, Paul Bricoccoli is a member of both the Glens Falls High School Athletic Hall of Fame and the Capital Region Football Hall of Fame; he was also the recipient of the 2017 Service to Football Award by the Capital District Chapter of the National Football Foundation; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such outstanding athletic accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be recognized by all the citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is moved to honor Paul Bricoccoli upon the occasion of being inducted into the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame for his extraordinary accomplishments which were a tribute to his skill, dedication and commitment; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Paul Bricoccoli upon the occasion of his induction into the Schenectady City School District Athletic Hall of Fame on September 17, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Paul Bricoccoli.