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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending NewsChannel 9 Anchor Rod Wood for his 50 years of broadcasting excellence in the Central New York community

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to recognize those dedicated and distinguished individuals within our midst whose professional lives, civic endeavors and personal achievements are an inspiration to their family, friends and colleagues; one such individual is NewsChannel 9 Anchor Rod Wood; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend NewsChannel 9 Anchor Rod Wood for 50 years of broadcasting excellence in the Central New York community; and

WHEREAS, Rod Wood, a Syracuse native, graduated from Nottingham High School in 1960; he then served his country as a member of the 504th Military Police Battalion, United States Army, during the Berlin Wall and Cuban Missile Crises; and

WHEREAS, Upon his discharge in 1963, Rod Wood began to pursue his passion for broadcast news and accepted a position at WOLF Radio in Syracuse; the hard work and talent he displayed at WOLF drew the interest of WNDR Radio, and just one year later, he started working as an anchor on WNDR Radio; and

WHEREAS, In 1967, Rod Wood moved from WNDR to WHEN Radio, where he became the station's morning news anchor and then the station's news director in 1974; furthermore, he began anchoring the news at WHEN-TV; and

WHEREAS, In 1976, after a 10-year career at WHEN-TV and Radio, Rod Wood joined the team of (WSYR-TV) NewsChannel 9, which was then called WIXT-TV; and

WHEREAS, Since then, Rod Wood has remained a trusted news source in

the community, ensuring accuracy and connecting with viewers from the state-of-the-art studios of NewsChannel 9; he has been called the "dean" of local broadcasting journalists; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Rod Wood anchors NewsChannel 9 at 5:00, 5:30, 6:00, and Eleven at 11:00; he also provides Central New York shoppers with helpful daily Consumer Reports; and

WHEREAS, For his outstanding work, Rod Wood has received countless awards from the Associated Press and various other professional news organizations; and

WHEREAS, Rod Wood was inducted into the 2011 New York State Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame, and was elected to the Syracuse Press Club Wall of Fame in 2001, located in the Onondaga County Civic Center; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his extensive and distinguished broadcasting career, Rod Wood has remained an active community volunteer, lending his time to various local charities and serving as a mentor to other local journalists; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the constant support of his friends and colleagues, Rod Wood has been blessed with a wonderful family, including his wife, Nanette, and five grown children, as well as seven grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend Rod Wood for 50 years of broadcasting excellence in the Central New York community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be tran-

mitted to Rod Wood.