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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Jack LaDuke upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after a long and distinguished career as a television newsman, photographer and journalist

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and pay just tribute to those whose creative talents and commitment to the arts contribute to the enrichment of their community and the world, and to pay homage to a man whose life of artistic accomplishment stands out as an inspiration to others; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Jack LaDuke upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after a long and distinguished career as a television newsman, photographer and journalist; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion was recognized on Monday, December 29, 2014, by Village Mayor Clyde Rabideau and the Board of Trustees, with a ceremony prior to the Village Board Meeting, Saranac Lake, New York; and

WHEREAS, A native of Keeseville, New York, Jack LaDuke, 80, lives in Saranac Lake and is currently a freelance reporter for Mountain Lake PBS, as well as a freelance photographer for the PLATTSBURGH PRESS-REPUBLICAN; and

WHEREAS, Jack LaDuke's illustrious career began more than 60 years ago when he was just 12 years old working for the ESSEX COUNTY REPUBLICAN newspaper; he went on to honorably serve in the United States Navy, working in its photography division; and

WHEREAS, Upon completion of his military service, Jack LaDuke attended college in Madrid, Spain, where he worked for the United Press International as a feature editor for a travel magazine; he returned to the

United States, did some freelance work, and then was hired by the U.S. State Department to travel to El Salvador to set up an educational channel for children; and

WHEREAS, Returning home three years later, Jack LaDuke worked as the East Coast reporter for TVN, which would later become CNN; during the 1980 Winter Olympics, he was the audio-visual director for the Lake Placid Olympic Organizing Committee; and

WHEREAS, Jack LaDuke served as the Adirondack bureau chief for WCAX Channel 3 News, a position he held for three decades before retiring in late 2008; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Jack LaDuke was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, After tireless decades of high caliber journalism, Jack LaDuke has become renowned for his ability to get the facts, as well as the human side of the story, and for his unwavering quest for the right photograph to help tell the story; and

WHEREAS, In addition to countless awards and accolades, Jack LaDuke was asked by the Village Mayor to sign Saranac Lake's Pine Cone Book of Distinguished Guests, and was inducted into the Vermont Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as a television newsman, photographer and journalist, Jack LaDuke served with loyalty, honor and distinction, and truly earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout has been his wife of 49 years, Marina, who feels privileged to be a part of his life and rejoices in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our atten-

tion, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to

honor Jack LaDuke upon the occasion of his designation for special recognition after a long and distinguished career as a television newsman, photographer and journalist; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jack LaDuke.