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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Jim Kenyon upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 40 years of television news reporting in the Central New York community

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to acknowledge those outstanding individuals within our midst whose dedication and professional endeavors have enhanced the quality of life in this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, News reporters who dedicated their lives to informing the public and upholding the principles of democracy merit recognition from the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Jim Kenyon upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 40 years of television news reporting in the Central New York community; he officially retired on December 23, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Jim Kenyon, raised in the City of Syracuse and a graduate of Henninger High School, studied journalism at SUNY Morrisville; and

WHEREAS, In 1970, Jim Kenyon began his esteemed reporting career in the Syracuse area, when he accepted a job at WSYR-TV; and

WHEREAS, In 1976, Jim Kenyon left WSYR to join the news team at WSTM-TV, which is now CNY Central, where he served as Chief Investigative Reporter for almost four decades; and

WHEREAS, During his 38 years with WSTM and CNY Central, Jim Kenyon served the community as a trusted powerhouse in uncovering corruption, fraud and wrongdoing at every level; he also covered countless breaking news reports and numerous in-depth stories of the area; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his distinguished career, Jim Kenyon was honored with dozens of awards on the local, state and national level including a national award in 1992 from Investigative Reporters and Editors for his story on widespread fraud among local trash haulers; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, Jim Kenyon has been recognized by the United States Justice Department, the New York State Broadcasters Association, the Associated Press, and the Syracuse Press Club; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, of 41 years, Janice, and their daughter, Gina, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Jim Kenyon consistently demonstrated a passion for enhancing the quality of news in the Central New York community and beyond, always serving as the public's eyes and ears, asking the tough questions, uncovering all of the details, and lending a voice to the voiceless; and

WHEREAS, Jim Kenyon leaves behind much more than mere bricks and mortar; he leaves behind a legacy of excellence in journalism to the Central New York community and to all of the news reporters he mentored over the last four decades; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Jim Kenyon upon the occasion of his retirement after more than 40 years of television news reporting in the Central New York community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jim Kenyon.