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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Philip Messing upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Excellence in Media Award from the National Police Defense Foundation on May 6, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those illustrious journalistic entities which have diligently and consistently, year after year, recorded the history of their communities and brought local news and news of the larger world to their readers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Philip Messing upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Excellence in Media Award by the National Police Defense Foundation to be celebrated at its Annual Awards Dinner at Russo's on the Bay in Howard Beach, New York, on Wednesday, May 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, A native of Brooklyn, New York, Philip Messing earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Baruch College in New York City; and

WHEREAS, For more than 35 years, except for brief breaks when he worked as a television news reporter and a private investigator for a corporate security firm, Philip Messing has been a career newspaperman, largely focusing upon issues within the law enforcement community; and

WHEREAS, Philip Messing was assigned to the New York Post Police Headquarters bureau for two decades; he also worked at the Brooklyn Federal Court, where he covered numerous mob trials; and

WHEREAS, Philip Messing has written numerous thought-provoking stories, and has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades, including those from both the Society of Silurians and the Associated Press; and

WHEREAS, A man of singular distinction, Philip Messing has continually demonstrated extreme competence, extraordinary intelligence and diligent leadership in his unwavering service to his community and profession and consequently has been designated for this most prestigious award; and WHEREAS, Philip Messing has, throughout his career and purposeful life, served his community with integrity and devotion, continuously striving to meet the needs of his readers through honesty and enlightenment; 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 honor Philip Messing upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the Excellence in Media Award from the National Police Defense Foundation on May 6, 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Philip Messing.