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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Tracy Baxter upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to the TIMES HERALD-RECORD

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 Tracy Baxter upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to the TIMES HERALD-RECORD to be celebrated following his last official broadcast on Friday, January 30, 2015; and

WHEREAS, For the past 35 years, Tracy Baxter rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the TIMES HERALD-RECORD; and WHEREAS, More than the calming, authoritative voice for news and information in the Hudson Valley and Catskills, Tracy Baxter is a well-respected journalist blessed with the ability to successfully bring communities together; and

WHEREAS, Tracy Baxter began his illustrious reporting career more than 40 years ago as the News Director of WDLC Radio in Port Jervis, New York; since then, he has been an integral part of the Hudson Valley news scene; and

WHEREAS, As a reporter, Tracy Baxter has worked for several media outlets such as WGNV Radio in Newburgh, New York, and Cable 6 Television; he also served as Regional Editor of Multimedia for the TIMES HERALD-RECORD; and

WHEREAS, Tracy Baxter's numerous talents are matched by the dedication

he has to the craft of reporting and to his community; and

WHEREAS, After more than three decades with the TIMES HERALD-RECORD, Tracy Baxter served with loyalty, honor and distinction, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Tracy Baxter has, throughout his career and purposeful life, served his community with integrity and devotion, continuously striving to meet the needs of his listeners through entertainment 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 Tracy Baxter upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to the TIMES HERALD-RECORD; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tracy Baxter.