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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring David C. Shea for 40 years of distinguished service to his community as a sports writer and photographer

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to citizens of the State of New York whose lifework and civic endeavor serve to enhance the quality of life in their communities and the great 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 David C. Shea for 40 years of distinguished service to his community as a sports writer and photographer; and

WHEREAS, For 40 years, David C. "Doc" Shea has served the families of Northern New York, bringing the best coverage of local sports to the pages of Northern New York's newspapers, and earning the respect and admiration of those whose lives he has written about throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, David Shea began his professional career in 1972 after his graduation from St. Lawrence University, as a sports writer and photographer for the OGDENSBURG JOURNAL and the ADVANCE NEWS; and

WHEREAS, He became the newspaper's sports editor and was instrumental in providing equal coverage to men's and women's sports at both the high school and college levels, expanding public awareness, acceptance and support for women's athletics; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his role as a sports writer, David Shea played a critical role in promoting and expanding athletic opportunities and outdoor activities of people of all ages, promoting hunting, fishing, car racing, boat racing, little leagues, adult leagues, and a host of activities ranging from canoeing and darts to horseshoes and pool; and

WHEREAS, During his four decades as a sports writer, David Shea has

become a role model for other sports writers and journalists across the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, He has received awards and accolades from local schools, regional and state athletic associations, coaches, and halls of fame for his selfless efforts to spotlight the achievement of students and adult athletes; and

WHEREAS, Among those awards, David Shea was named Ogdensburg's 2012 Citizen of the Year, and had the distinction of having the Ogdensburg City School District name its new press box in his honor; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when individuals of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, 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 commend David C. Shea for 40 years of distinguished service to his community as a sports writer and photographer; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to David C. Shea.