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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Adam Zyglis upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Cartooning

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 Adam Zyglis upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Cartooning; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious award is bestowed upon those who have made stellar achievements in newspaper and online journalism, literature, and musical composition in the United States; established in 1917, by provisions in the will of American (Hungarian-born) publisher Joseph Pulitzer, it is administered by Columbia University in New York City, and prizes are awarded yearly in 21 categories; and

WHEREAS, Born in Buffalo, New York, Adam Zyglis graduated Summa Cum Laude from Canisius College, majoring in Computer Science and minoring in Math with a concentration in Studio Arts; and

WHEREAS, While a student, Adam Zyglis worked as a Cartoonist for THE GRIFFIN; for his outstanding work at the school's newspaper, he was honored by the Associated Collegiate Press and the Universal Press Syndicate; as a senior at Canisius College, he wrote his honors thesis on the art of editorial cartooning; and

WHEREAS, Since 2004, Adam Zyglis has held the position of Staff Cartoonist for the BUFFALO NEWS; today his cartoons are internationally

syndicated and have been published in numerous newspapers around the world, including THE NEW YORK TIMES, THE WASHINGTON POST, USA TODAY, and LOS ANGELES TIMES; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Adam Zyglis' work has appeared in magazines such as THE WEEK, TIME, and MAD, and he is a freelance book illustrator; currently he draws four to five cartoons a week along with a caricature on the book page and sometimes a cover illustration; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable cartoonist has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades including the Clifford K. and James T. Berryman Award, second place in the John Locher Memorial Award, and was a finalist in the Charles M. Schulz Award; in both 2007 and 2011, he took third place for editorial cartoons in the National Headliner Awards; and

WHEREAS, Our journalists provide a tremendous service to citizens across the State of New York by keeping them informed about current events; the democracy of our State and Nation is strengthened by a responsible citizenry which is actively engaged in reading and kept abreast of news affecting their lives; and

WHEREAS, As this remarkable member of the press moves into the future, he carries with him the legacy of a distinguished journalistic history and an outstanding record of growth and achievement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Adam Zyglis upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2015 Pulitzer Prize for Editorial Cartooning; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Adam Zyglis.