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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring John C. Pitarresi upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the UTICA OBSERVER-DISPATCH

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 John C. Pitarresi upon the occasion of his retirement after many years of distinguished service to the UTICA OBSERVER-DISPATCH; this momentous occasion will be celebrated with a Party in his honor on Sunday, August 30, 2015, at Cavallo's Restaurant, New Hartford, New York; and

WHEREAS, A native of Niagara Falls, New York, John C. Pitarresi graduated from LaSalle High School before earning his bachelor's degree from Hamilton College in 1970, during which time he captained the Continentals' football and lacrosse teams and was the recipient of the Lacrosse Most Valuable Player Award; and

WHEREAS, John C. Pitarresi was a volunteer of the coaching staff of the Hamilton College football and lacrosse squads; he taught briefly in the New Hartford Central School District at the Perry Junior High School before beginning his illustrious career as a sportswriter for the Utica newspapers; and

WHEREAS, As a reporter, John C. Pitarresi's sports articles and outdoor columns have appeared in the Utica newspapers regularly for more than 40 years; he has penned an outdoor column for the OBSERVER-DISPATCH since 1980, and has covered athletic contests on levels ranging from

youth sports to the professionals; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and accolades, John C. Pitarresi was named the Central New York Sportsman of the Year at the CNY Sportsman Show in recognition of his contributions to the environment, wildlife and conservation; and

WHEREAS, In addition, John C. Pitarresi was also the 2014 Meet Honoree of the 72nd Edward J. Herrmann Interscholastic Cross-Country Invitational where he was honored for his steadfast dedication and professionalism in promoting leisure sporting activities, athletics, teams and competitive events in Central New York State; and

WHEREAS, A resident of New Hartford, New York, John C. Pitarresi is a parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church and a member of the Men's Club; and

WHEREAS, John C. Pitarresi served the UTICA OBSERVER-DISPATCH with loyalty, honor and distinction for 35 years, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career and purposeful life, John C. Pitarresi has served his community with integrity and devotion, continuously striving to meet the needs of his readers through entertainment and enlightenment; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom 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 John C. Pitarresi upon the occasion of his retirement after many

years of distinguished service to the UTICA OBSERVER-DISPATCH; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to John C. Pitarresi.