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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION celebrating the life and legacy of Bill Carey, legendary news reporter, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge those outstanding individuals who have gone before us, and who have distinguished themselves in their professional and personal lives through their unwavering passion, dedication and substantial contributions to their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor and remember the late Bill Carey, who passed away in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Bill Carey, born William Carey Snee in 1953, in Auburn, New York, would grow to become a legendary news reporter in the Central New York community, often referred to as "the voice of Syracuse"; and

WHEREAS, Bill Carey began his successful career in journalism as a teenager, landing his first job as a radio reporter for WMBO in his hometown of Auburn in 1971; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, Bill Carey joined the news team of 62-WHEN Radio in Syracuse, New York, and in just a few years, he had climbed the ranks to become News Director; in this important role, he helped to shape the station's news content and to lead the staff of WHEN to numerous state and local journalism awards; and

WHEREAS, In the mid-1980s, Bill Carey decided to move from radio to television, accepting a news reporting job at WTVH-5, where he quickly became one of the best visual storytellers in the region; and

WHEREAS, Bill Carey eventually became the News Director of WTVH-5, overseeing the day-to-day operations of the newsroom and leading the station to an Emmy for Best Newscast; and

WHEREAS, In 1993, Bill Carey left WTVH-5 to join the staff at WSYR-TV, which was then WIXT; he would later leave for a brief stint in radio before signing on with Time Warner Cable's all-news channel, News 10 Now; and

WHEREAS, For more than 10 years, Bill Carey served as Time Warner Cable's trusted senior reporter and field anchor for the operation, covering virtually every major local story in Central New York community; and

WHEREAS, Politics and government were Bill Carey's forte and he was known for his insightful, tough and respectful questioning of many lawmakers on the local, state and federal level; he was a fixture on the political scene, always lending his credibility to the anchor desk during the live coverage of countless political election nights and other political events; and

WHEREAS, Bill Carey was one of the most well-traveled journalists in the region, traveling with local military units to the Gulf War, Somalia, Haiti, Bosnia and to relief operations in Florida in the wake of Hurricane Andrew; he also traveled to London, Lockerbie, Germany, Israel, Lebanon, and Jordan, and reported from Ground Zero, Pearl Harbor and from the Vatican; and

WHEREAS, During his distinguished journalism career that spanned more than 40 years, Bill Carey also served as a mentor and a role model to countless reporters many of whom credit their success to his support; and

WHEREAS, Among his long list of professional accomplishments, Bill Carey was the recipient of the Syracuse Press Club's Bliven-Ganley-Rossi Career Achievement Award and was named a Syracuse Press Club Wall of Distinction honoree; he also won three Emmys, several RTNDA awards,

including a national Edward R. Murrow award, as well as dozens of awards from the Syracuse Press Club and the New York Associated Press Broadcasters Association; and

WHEREAS, Bill Carey is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, MaryEllen (Leonard) Snee; his three children, Jennifer Snee Holland, William C. (Angel) Snee II, and Joelle (Benjamin) Snee Feinberg; six grandchildren, Jayshaun, Ethan, Jaedyn, Keelin, Kyla, and Kallie; one brother, James M. (Idah) Snee and a sister, Carol (Keith) Snee Miller; along with many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Armed with a humanistic spirit and imbued with a sense of compassion, Bill Carey leaves behind a legacy which will long endure the passage of time and will remain as a comforting memory to all he served and befriended; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to celebrate the life and legacy of Bill Carey, legendary news reporter, distinguished citizen and devoted member of his community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Bill Carey.