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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Don Paul upon the occasion of his retirement after 32 years as a Television Meteorologist in Buffalo, New York

WHEREAS, It is the practice of this Legislative Body to acknowledge those outstanding individuals within our midst whose dedication and professional endeavors have enhanced the quality of life in this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Meteorologists who have dedicated their lives to explaining, understanding, observing or forecasting the earth's atmospheric phenomena and/or how the atmosphere affects the earth and life on the planet merit recognition from the 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 commend Don Paul upon the occasion of his retirement after 32 years as a Television Meteorologist in Buffalo, New York; and

WHEREAS, As a young man, Don Paul was inspired by New York City Meteorologist, Tex Antoine to study meteorology at Rutgers University; during this time, he worked at the college radio station; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation, Don Paul attended law school for a year, and wrote jokes for WNEW radio comedian Ted Brown, before deciding to be a TV station meteorologist in his late 20s; and

WHEREAS, After a tour of duty in the United States Military, Don Paul held various positions such as promo writer for a New York radio station, science writer and account executive for a public relations agency; and

WHEREAS, Don Paul began his illustrious television career in Bangor, Maine, before moving on to major cities such as Wichita, Kansas; Tampa, Florida; and Detroit, Michigan; in 1984, he relocated to Buffalo to

replace Lou McNally on Channel 4, just in time to report on the Buffalo Blizzard of 1985; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, Don Paul left Channel 4 for Channel 2, a job he held for three years, before rejoining Channel 4 in 1991, where he would remain for the duration of his 32-year career, a position from which he officially retired on March 23, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to his profession and his community, Don Paul always strived to use his meteorological skills to accurately predict the weather for the residents of Buffalo; he says a competent meteorologist is generally accurate about eight of 10 times, and six of 10 times when they are tough calls; and

WHEREAS, For over three decades, Don Paul's face appeared on numerous television screens in the Buffalo area; known for his wit, humor, and sunny personality, he is an institution in Western New York Meteorology, and his presence on television will be greatly missed by many; 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 commend Don Paul upon the occasion of his retirement after 32 years as a Television Meteorologist in Buffalo, New York, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Don Paul.