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Senate Resolution No. 1680

BY: Senator LITTLE

HONORING Lois Clermont upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award by the New York State Associated Press Association on June 1, 2019

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those illustrious journalists who 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 Lois Clermont upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award by the New York State Associated Press Association, to be celebrated at its Annual News Awards Banquet on Saturday, June 1, 2019, in Saratoga Springs, New York; and

WHEREAS, The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes a New York State Associated Press Association (NYSAPA) member, media outlet reporter, editor, producer, broadcaster, executive, technician or other newsroom staff member whose work has made a significant and impactful contribution to New York journalism; Lois Clermont is truly deserving of this prestigious award; and

WHEREAS, After earning her journalism degree from SUNY Morrisville, Lois Clermont began her 42-year career as a proofreader with the Press-Republican; by the mid-1980s, she served as the City Editor, and then the News Editor; in 2012, she was promoted to the title of Editor-in-Chief, the position from which she officially retired in 2018;

and

WHEREAS, Throughout her tenure, Lois Clermont covered a wide range of big stories in the North Country including the 1980 Winter Olympic Games in Lake Placid, the 1995 closure of Plattsburgh Air Force Base, the 1998 Ice Storm, and the 2015 prison break from the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora; and

WHEREAS, Under the luminous leadership of Lois Clermont, the Press-Republican was the recipient of the 2016 Newspaper of the Year Award by the NYSAPA for its coverage of the brazen escape; and

WHEREAS, In her capacity as Editor-in-Chief, Lois Clermont earned the admiration, esteem and affection of her colleagues; she was always available to lend a helping hand whenever needed, whether it was assisting a co-worker or providing information to AP reporters, editors and photographers with information and images to be distributed by the news agency; 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 honor Lois Clermont upon the occasion of her designation as recipient of the inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award by the New York State Associated Press Association on June 1, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lois Clermont.