

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 75th Anniversary of WKIP in Dutchess County on June 5, 2015

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life in this great Empire State is indelibly enriched by the faithful and untiring efforts of those individuals who have helped shape the history of broadcasting in their area; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of WKIP in Dutchess County to be celebrated with a live broadcast on Friday, June 5, 2015, at the FDR National Historic Site, Hyde Park, New York; and

WHEREAS, On June 6, 1940, WKIP became the first radio station originally licensed in Dutchess County; for years, it was the only radio station East of the Hudson River between New York City and Albany; and

WHEREAS, In its early years, WKIP forged a special relationship with former President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who lived in Hyde Park, New York; just two months after the station began its operations, he broadcast a radio dedication address, and during the summer months, WKIP linked up with the Summer White House to transmit the President's "Fire-side Chats"; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its history, WKIP has focused on the local community, broadcasting a full schedule of news, information, and public service programming; and

WHEREAS, Today, WKIP continues that tradition, airing "Hudson Valley Focus Live With Tom Sipos" every weekday morning, featuring a daily stream of political, elected and business guests, and representatives from social service, community action, charitable, health, and educational organizations; and

WHEREAS, In addition, WKIP values the interactive nature of the program, allowing residents and community members to call in to voice their opinions on a wide-range of topics; and

WHEREAS, In the words of former President Franklin D. Roosevelt, "I'd like to think of this station as a cultural adjunct to the community it serves on both sides of the River ... A vehicle on which the emphasis can be placed on the things that count the most; things that count the most in elevating and ennobling the common life."; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body would like to extend its highest commendation to WKIP in recognition of its history of achievement, innovation and service to its community and the State of New York, continuously striving to meet the needs of its listeners through entertainment and enlightenment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of WKIP in Dutchess County on June 5, 2015; and be it further

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