

Senate Resolution No. 2174

BY: Senator SQUADRON

COMMEMORATING the 30th Anniversary of the **Downtown Express** newspaper

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor and recognize those journalism and media outlets which, through their coverage of local, state, and national issues have shared current and historical events with their readers; and

WHEREAS, Community newspapers play a vital role in providing information to local residents; and

WHEREAS, **Downtown Express** is a community newspaper founded as the **Battery News** in May of 1987; and

WHEREAS, The **Battery News** quickly expanded to also cover the Financial District and was rebranded **Downtown Express** in 1990; and

WHEREAS, **Downtown Express** has covered important national events, including the 1993 WTC bombings and the terrorist attacks on September 11th; and

WHEREAS, After September 11th, **Downtown Express** disseminated additional information about air quality, street closures, and other local issues and began publishing weekly issues; and

WHEREAS, The **Downtown Express** has been at the forefront of documenting Lower Manhattan's recovery from Superstorm Sandy; and

WHEREAS, For the past 30 years, **Downtown Express** has documented Lower Manhattan's rise from an "urban ghost town" to a thriving mixed-use community; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents a unique opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to **Downtown Express** on its 30th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, It is with great pleasure that this Legislative Body acknowledges this exceptional media outlet and its valuable contributions to the community, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the successes it has experienced thus far; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the founding of the **Downtown Express**; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to **Downtown Express**.