

Assembly Resolution No. 288

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HONORING the **Observer-Dispatch** upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Longevity Award by the Herkimer County Chamber of Commerce

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those illustrious journalistic entities which 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 the **Observer-Dispatch** upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Longevity Award by the Herkimer County Chamber of Commerce, to be celebrated at its 49th Annual Membership Meeting/Luncheon on Thursday, April 13, 2017, at the Travelodge, Little Falls, New York; and

WHEREAS, Published continuously for the past 200 years, the **Observer-Dispatch** is the Mohawk Valley region's flagship newspaper, providing news, high quality journalism and support for vital local organizations; and **WHEREAS**, Over its distinguished 200 year history, the **Observer-Dispatch** has demonstrated continuous service to the residents and communities which it serves; and

WHEREAS, The success of the **Observer-Dispatch** is in direct correlation to the efforts of its staff, whose involvement is, and always has been, characterized by an impressive commitment, an unbridled enthusiasm, and an uncompromising standard of excellence in all endeavors on behalf of the newspaper and the community it serves; and

WHEREAS, This auspicious occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to the **Observer-Dispatch**; and

WHEREAS, Our newspapers provide a tremendous service to citizens across the State of New York by keeping them informed about current events; the democracy of our State and Nation is strengthened by a responsible citizenry which is actively engaged in reading and kept abreast of news affecting their lives; and

WHEREAS, As the **Observer-Dispatch** moves into the future, it carries with it the legacy of a distinguished journalistic history and an outstanding record of growth and achievement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor the **Observer-Dispatch** upon the occasion of its designation as recipient of the Longevity Award by the Herkimer County Chamber of Commerce; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be

transmitted to the **Observer-Dispatch**.