

Assembly Resolution No. 322

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HONORING Mark Frost upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2019 Liberty Bell Award by the Warren County Bar Association on May 3, 2019

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and pay tribute to those individuals who distinguish themselves through professional excellence and who have made significant contributions to the quality of life of citizens in 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 honor Mark Frost upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2019 Liberty Bell Award by the Warren County Bar Association to be celebrated on Friday, May 3, 2019; and

WHEREAS, The Liberty Bell Award, given each year by local bar associations, honors exemplary citizens within the local community; the award recognizes outstanding service performed by a citizen who volunteers their time and efforts to serve the community; and

WHEREAS, Such service may include activities which promote a better understanding of America's form of government, stimulating a deeper sense of individual responsibility to the end that citizens recognize their duties as well as their rights; and

WHEREAS, Mark Frost is a Glens Falls native who graduated from Glens Falls High School in 1968, from Wesleyan University with High Honors in American Studies in 1972, and from the University of Maryland School of Law with honors in 1978; and

WHEREAS, At the age of 14, Mark Frost began his newspaper career as a junior high school correspondent for **The Glens Falls Times**; he later was a full-time sportswriter for **The Post-Star**, TV critic for **The Baltimore Sun** and columnist for the weekly **City Paper** in Baltimore; and

WHEREAS, In 1980, on a \$1,700 investment, Mark Frost started his own weekly newspaper in Glens Falls; **The Chronicle**, now in its 39th year, remains "locally owned, locally committed"; and

WHEREAS, Mark Frost was a founding board member of the Charles Wood Theater in Glens Falls and currently serves on the board of directors of the Charles R. Wood Foundation; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, **The Chronicle** launched and continues to present the Glens Falls Chronicle Book Fair, at the Queensbury Hotel every November, connecting more than 100 authors and book sellers with the general public; and

WHEREAS, In its very first edition 39 years ago, **The Chronicle**

debuted "School Views," which has been publishing area students' answers to a question of the week ever since; and

WHEREAS, For more than 30 years, student winners of the Iroquois Reading Council's annual Newspapers in Education contest spent an afternoon with Mark Frost as working journalists at **The Chronicle**; and

WHEREAS, Among many community involvements, **The Chronicle** worked with the Glens Falls Kiwanis Club to create the Taste of the North Country food festival and has been its lead business sponsor since year one, and was the Adirondack Theatre Festival's original and ongoing business sponsor; and

WHEREAS, Mark Frost and his wife, Sandra Hutchinson, **The Chronicle's** Chief Operating Officer who is also an attorney, reside in Glens Falls and have two sons, Alexander who lives in Los Angeles, and Max who has written extensively as **The Chronicle's** foreign correspondent and lives in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Rare indeed is the impressive dedication shown by an individual for the benefit of others which Mark Frost has displayed throughout his life; 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 Mark Frost upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the 2019 Liberty Bell Award by the Warren County Bar Association; and be it further

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