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CONGRATULATING David Dudajek upon the occasion of his retirement after 47 years of dedicated service to the field of journalism

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those extraordinary individuals 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 congratulate David Dudajek upon the occasion of his retirement after 47 years of dedicated service to the field of journalism; and

WHEREAS, A graduate of Utica College, David Dudajek began his illustrious journalism career as a reporter at the Rome Daily Sentinel; and

WHEREAS, In 1979, David Dudajek took a job with the Observer Dispatch as their news editor; he was later promoted to the newspaper's Opinions Page editor, the esteemed position he held until his retirement on Friday, May 29, 2020; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unrelenting commitment to his profession, David Dudajek also worked on several special projects, including Operation Sunshine and Teen All-Stars; and

WHEREAS, David Dudajek is the proud recipient of numerous awards and accolades from the New York State Associated Press Association Newspaper Contest in recognition of his writing; additionally, in 2019, he received the New York State Senate Commendation Award; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, David Dudajek has served with loyalty, honor and distinction, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, David Dudajek has, throughout his career and purposeful life, served his community with integrity and devotion, continuously striving to meet the needs of his readers through entertainment and enlightenment; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, Jan and their two daughters, Jaime and Sarah, as well as five grandchildren, all of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his many achievements; 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 congratulate David Dudajek upon the occasion of his retirement after 47 years of dedicated service to the field of journalism, and to wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

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