

BY: Senator GRIFFO

CONGRATULATING Ron Johns upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to the **Observer-Dispatch**

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 journalism 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 congratulate Ron Johns upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of distinguished service to the **Observer-Dispatch**; and

WHEREAS, Ron Johns began his illustrious journalistic career on August 1, 1985, with the **Observer-Dispatch**, the largest newspaper serving the Utica-Rome metropolitan area in Central New York, circulating in Oneida County, Herkimer County, and parts of Madison County; and

WHEREAS, Remaining true to the **Observer-Dispatch's** proud 200-year tradition, Ron Johns has continually rose to the challenge of informing the public about important news that affects their daily lives, helping to ensure his readers receive the vital information they need while entertaining the local community with heartwarming stories about everyday people making a difference locally and other events which characterize life in the Mohawk Valley; and

WHEREAS, With a steadfast and unwavering passion for his community, Ron Johns will officially retire from the esteemed position of Managing Editor and Executive Editor of the **Observer-Dispatch**; and

WHEREAS, After an extraordinary career which traversed more than three decades, Ron Johns truly earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Ron Johns 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, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those illustrious journalists 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; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Ron Johns upon the occasion of his retirement after 35 years of distinguished 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 Ron Johns.