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CONGRATULATING Tom Precious upon the occasion of his retirement after 25 years of distinguished service as Albany Bureau Chief for **The Buffalo News**

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 across the globe 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 Tom Precious upon the occasion of his retirement as Albany Bureau Chief for **The Buffalo News**; on Sunday, January 23, 2022, he officially retired from this esteemed position after 25 years of chronicling the Capitol in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, Renowned as Albany's most respected reporter, Tom Precious began his illustrious career, when he relocated to the Capital Region of New York, from Washington, D.C. after earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and Political Science from George Washington University; and

WHEREAS, From The News cubby hole on the famous "shelf" of the Capitol's out-of-"The Front Page" press room, Tom Precious has gained the respect of politicians and reporters, alike, for his ability to bore into budget books, develop trusted sources and set the agenda for Western New York coverage; and

WHEREAS, Tom Precious' deeply sourced copy on all manner of issues astounds his colleagues, and his articles are widely regarded as a must-read for anyone serious about following state politics; furthermore, he appreciates the history of the Capitol building and its importance in the lives of New Yorkers, and knows every one of its secret nooks and crannies; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his stellar career which traversed more than three decades, Tom Precious served his readers with intelligence and caring dedication, continuously striving to effectively fulfill the duties of his position; and

WHEREAS, Tom Precious diligently worked to hold politicians and elected officials accountable and through his steadfast work ethic, reported on numerous important stories which have truly made an indelible impact on the residents of Buffalo, Western New York, and all of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Sincerely loved and greatly respected by all those with whom he worked, Tom Precious will be remembered for his honesty, integrity, keen sense of duty and ability to show a unique grasp of human problems in his official acts; 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 Tom Precious upon the occasion of his retirement after 25 years of distinguished service as Albany Bureau Chief for **The Buffalo News**; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Tom Precious.