

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Frank Truatt upon the occasion of celebrating 20 years of independent ownership of WTBQ Radio Station on July 1, 2014

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 broadcasting 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 honor Frank Truatt upon the occasion of celebrating 20 years of independent ownership of WTBQ Radio Station; this auspicious occasion will be held on Tuesday, July 1, 2014, on the grounds of WTBQ; and

WHEREAS, WTBQ is an independent community radio station broadcasting from Warwick, New York, featuring live local talk shows, and specialty programming along with Consumer Guru, Clark Howard, John Tesh with "Intelligence for Your Life," and the best music all night; and

WHEREAS, The last locally-owned radio station in Orange County, New York, WTBQ broadcasts on 1110 AM and 93.5 FM, throughout Orange County, part of Sullivan County, and Northern New Jersey, as well as Pike County in Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Although WTBQ broadcasts on AM during the daylight hours only, it has streamed on the internet 24 hours a day since 1999, the first radio station in the Hudson Valley area to do so; in addition, it was the first radio station with a website, back in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, WTBQ became one of the first American AM radio stations to use an FM translator when it began airing in January of 2008; and

WHEREAS, In July of 1969, local media mogul Ed Klein brought WTBQ to air with studios originally located in the village of Warwick; in 1982, it was purchased by polka king Jimmy Sturr, who two years later, moved the studios to the professional building located in the nearby village of Florida, New York; after another change in ownership, the station went silent in 1992, but returned to the air under the station's current owner Frank Truatt in July of 1994; and

WHEREAS, Frank Truatt, affectionately known as Smokin', has created a radio station that is unique in stature and in content, and one of the last privately owned community radio stations in the country; and

WHEREAS, The No. 1 Community Radio Station in Orange County, The Wall Street Journal recently ran a story and pictures of the WTBQ "Barn" Station, and Frank Truatt himself; and

WHEREAS, Frank Truatt has, throughout his career and purposeful life, served his community with integrity and devotion, continuously striving to meet the needs of his listeners through entertainment and enlightenment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Frank Truatt upon the occasion of celebrating 20 years of independent ownership of WTBQ Radio Station on July 1, 2014; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Frank Truatt.