

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring WRGB CBS 6 upon the occasion of its 85th Anniversary of continuous operation

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in acknowledging exceptional organizations which separate themselves by serving the community and its constituents, and which deserve unique recognition; and

WHEREAS, WRGB CBS 6, founded in Schenectady, New York, is commemorating the 85th Anniversary of providing television programming for the community; and

WHEREAS, The birth of WRGB dates back to January 13, 1928, when the station, owned and operated by The General Electric Company, had their first experimental television program broadcast, shown in founder Ernst Alexanderson's home at 112 Adam Road in Schenectady, New York; this momentous event has given WRGB the status of being the world's first television station; and

WHEREAS, WRGB televised the world's first remote news telecast live from the New York State Capitol in Albany, New York, with Governor Al Smith's acceptance of his Party's nomination for President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Since its launch, WRGB has worked ardently to broadcast programs which serve the variety of needs for all residents in the Capital Region; in addition to providing news, variety shows, light operas, cartoons, musicals, dramas, sporting and political events and many other public services, this venerated institution is well-known for its charitable donations to "Making A Difference," and "Coats For Kids," as well as for broadcasting the annual Melodies of Christmas; and

WHEREAS, WRGB was presented an award in 1943 for its contributions to television program development by the American Television Society; in October of 1982, WRGB TV-6 became the first commercial TV station to provide programming 24 hours a day; and

WHEREAS, President Ronald Reagan once said of WRGB, "as the first television station in the United States, WRGB was a pioneer in the truest sense of the word... the history of this station is truly, the history of television;" and

WHEREAS, For the past 85 years, WRGB has offered an outstanding mix of informational, educational, and community-oriented programming on a persistent basis; and

WHEREAS, WRGB CBS 6 is a treasured community resource which has made remarkable contributions to the entertainment and cultural environments of the residents of the Capital Region and the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Presently owned by the Sinclair Broadcasting Group located in Schenectady, New York, WRGB forged the path for the nation and the world in the creation of the television broadcast while satisfying the needs of the Capital Region; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend WRGB CBS 6 upon the occasion of its 85th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the WRGB CBS 6 management and staff.