

BY: Senator RITCHIE

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending Cindy Habeeb Bufalini upon the occasion of her retirement after more than 30 years of service to 7 News/Fox 28 on March 6, 2020

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those illustrious newscasters 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 commend Cindy Habeeb Bufalini upon the occasion of her retirement after more than 30 years of service to 7 News/Fox 28; and

WHEREAS, A native of Watertown, New York, Cindy Habeeb Bufalini attended St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York, and the American University in Washington, D.C., graduating with a Master's degree in journalism and public affairs; and

WHEREAS, For more than three years, Cindy Habeeb Bufalini put her education and journalistic talents to work as a member of the team at 7 News/Fox 28 in Watertown; throughout her tenure, she fulfilled a number of roles including general assignment reporter, anchor, health reporter and ultimately, assignment editor, the position from which she officially retired on Friday, March 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Habeeb Bufalini was the co-host for the "Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon," served as the station's liaison with the Children's Miracle Network, and was a spokeswoman for the Go Red for Women campaign; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of her many talents and stellar work ethic, Cindy Habeeb Bufalini has been the recipient of numerous accolades such as an honor from the Syracuse Press Club for her special "Wake Up Call: Drugs in the North Country"; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her distinguished career, Cindy Habeeb Bufalini has risen to the challenge of informing the public about important news that affects their daily lives, helping to ensure people throughout Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence Counties received the vital information they needed and had the opportunity to be entertained by heartwarming stories about everyday people making a difference locally and other events which characterize life in the North Country; 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 commend Cindy Habeeb Bufalini upon the occasion of her retirement after more than 30 years of service to 7 News/Fox 28 on March 6, 2020, and to wish her continued success in all her future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted Cindy Habeeb Bufalini.