Senate Resolution No. 474

BY: Senator RYAN

CONGRATULATING Robert J. McCarthy upon the occasion of his retirement after a 41 year career as a distinguished reporter 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 Robert J. McCarthy upon the occasion of his retirement after a

41 year career as a distinguished reporter for **The Buffalo News**; and

WHEREAS, A native of Schenectady, New York, Robert J. McCarthy, affectionately known to many as Bob, earned his bachelor's degree from St. Bonaventure University in 1976; after graduating, he went to work for the **Olean Times Herald**; and

WHEREAS, In 1982, Robert J. McCarthy joined the staff of **The Buffalo Evening News** as a general assignment reporter; later, he worked police, state government and transportation beats before becoming a political reporter in 1992, the position from which he officially retired in 2023; and

WHEREAS, Since then, Robert J. McCarthy has covered all major elections in Western New York and New York State as a whole, including 14 national conventions; and

WHEREAS, Robert J. McCarthy has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades for his steadfast and unremitting commitment to his profession including the 2006 New York State Publishers Association First Place Award with a colleague for stories on "Irregularities in the State Liquor Authority" and a 2002 series of articles on how State Supreme Court candidates are chosen was nominated by **The News** for a Pulitzer Prize; and

WHEREAS, Robert J. McCarthy was also named one of New York's 10 most influential political journalists by **Brill's Content** magazine, and serves as a panelist for various local and statewide debates; and

WHEREAS, Sincerely loved and greatly respected by all those with whom he worked, Robert J. McCarthy 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 Robert J. McCarthy upon the occasion of his retirement after a 41 year career as a distinguished reporter for **The Buffalo News**, and to wish him well in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Robert J. McCarthy.