Assembly Resolution No. 652

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CONGRATULATING Dr. Alan S. Chartock upon the occasion of his retirement after 44 years of distinguished service as CEO and President of WAMC Northeast Public Radio

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Dr. Alan S. Chartock upon the occasion of his retirement after 44 years of distinguished service as CEO and President of WAMC Northeast Public Radio; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alan S. Chartock graduated from Hunter College with a bachelor's degree in political science before earning a master's degree from American Public University and a Ph.D. from New York University; and

WHEREAS, Following his graduation from New York University, Dr. Alan S. Chartock began a career in academia, notably serving as a professor of political science at SUNY New Paltz and the University at Albany from 1970-2004, where today, he serves as Professor Emeritus; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alan S. Chartock founded and became the publisher of the **Legislative Gazette** in 1978, which provided detailed coverage of New York State government through a partnership with the Digital Media and Journalism Department at SUNY New Paltz, which served to prepare student journalists to provide fair and objective news coverage to the citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Since 1981, Dr. Alan S. Chartock's leadership has transformed WAMC Northeast Public Radio from a single station struggling to survive to a thriving multi-station media organization that is heard throughout not only New York State, but in surrounding states in the northeast United States; and

WHEREAS, Under Dr. Alan S. Chartock's leadership at WAMC, several popular programs were created, including "The Capitol Connection", "The Media Project", "The Congressional Corner", and "The Roundtable", to which New Yorkers from around the state tuned in to hear Dr. Chartock's analysis of current events and conversations with prominent leaders, including several New York State Governors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Alan S. Chartock's commitment to free speech, the arts, and community engagement inspired him to lead the effort to create The Linda, WAMC's performing arts studio, which serves as a live performance venue for the organization, bringing its listeners concerts, lectures, film presentations and other programming of value to the listening

community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to recognize Dr. Alan S. Chartock for his distinguished legacy of excellence in journalism, public radio, and defense of free speech over the course of his 44 years leading WAMC Northeast Public Radio; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dr. Alan S. Chartock.