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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending WUTR-TV upon the occasion of celebrating its 40th Anniversary on April 15, 2010

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life in this great Empire State are indelibly enriched by the faithful and untiring efforts of those organizations which have helped shape the history of broadcasting in their region; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend WUTR-TV upon the occasion of celebrating its 40th Anniversary at the Stanley Theatre on Thursday, April 15, 2010; and

WHEREAS, WUTR-TV signed on the air in Utica, New York, on February 28, 1970, as an ABC Affiliate broadcasting on analog channel 20; the station broadcasted local news from 1970 to 2003, serving the Mohawk Valley with news, sports and weather; and

WHEREAS, In 2009, WUTR switched from analogue to digital service and on February 28, 2010, WUTR celebrated its 40th Anniversary in brilliant high definition; and

WHEREAS, WUTR airs some of the top syndicated programming on the air with "Live with Regis and Kelly", "Ellen", "Oprah", "Inside Edition",

"ET" and "The Insider"; their ABC Sports programming includes PGA Golf, NASCAR, NBA Basketball and NCAA College Football and Basketball; and

WHEREAS, Many of the top programs in Primetime include "Desperate Housewives", "Extreme Home Makeover", "Greys Anatomy", "The Practice", "20/20", "Dancing with the Stars", "The Bachelor", "The Bachelorette" and "The Academy Awards"; and

WHEREAS, WUTR takes its responsibility to the community very seriously with programs such as "Hello Central NY", "Newsmakers" and "The Joe Kelly Show"; in addition to its many community outreach programs, WUTR

also airs four hours of live coverage for the Boilermaker Road Race, the MDA Telethon, Relay for Life, and the Oneida County Historical Society Telethon, as well as coverage of America's Greatest Heart Run and Walk; and

WHEREAS, WUTR has also supported many non-profit organizations such as United Way, the YMCA, YWCA, the Jewish Community Foundation, Glimmer Glass Opera, the Stanley Center for the Arts, the Utica Symphony, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, American Red Cross and the Utica Food Bank; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, WUTR has offered internships to deserving students from Herkimer County Community College, Mohawk Valley Community College, Utica College, SUNYIT and Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Journalism; and

WHEREAS, WUTR has played an important role in the telecommunications business in Central New York the past 40 years and is proud to continue its role in the health and well-being of its viewers with programs like "Healthy Beginnings" and "Fit Kids"; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its distinguished history, WUTR-TV has diligently served the Utica community with integrity and devotion, continuously striving to meet the needs of its viewers through entertainment and enlightenment; it looks forward with pride to serving Central New York for another 40 years; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend WUTR-TV upon the occasion of celebrating its 40th Anniversary on April 15, 2010; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to WUTR-TV.