

## 2011-J821

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending WFXV/FOX 33 upon the occasion of celebrating its 25th Anniversary

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those illustrious networks which have worked diligently and consistently, year after year, to bring quality programming to their communities as well as local news and news of the larger world to their viewers; and WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commend WFXV/FOX 33 upon the occasion of celebrating its 25th Anniversary, to be celebrated on Thursday, March 31, 2011, at the Radisson Hotel Ballroom, Utica, New York; and

WHEREAS, Originally WTUV, the network was owned by Mohawk Valley Broadcasting; it eventually became a Fox affiliate, and in 1990, changed its call letters to channel WFXV; on October 9, 1986, the Late Show with Joan Rivers became the first and only program to run on the FOX network; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its broadcasting history, WFXV/FOX 33 has aired many well-liked programs including, NFL, NASCAR, MLB, Married with Children, The Simpsons, Xmen, Beverly Hills 90210, American Idol, Bones, House, and Glee; and

WHEREAS, Today, WFXV/FOX 33, acquired by Nexstar Broadcasting in late 2003, with its numerous, popular television programs, has been the number one network in prime time for seven consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, For over two decades, WFXV/FOX 33 has supported the Utica community through its role in the Relay for Life, America's Greatest Heart Run and Walk, the Utica Music and Arts Festival, the Great American Irish Festival, the National Start Walking Day, and AIDS Walk; and

WHEREAS, In addition, this civic-minded station provides internship

opportunities to students from Herkimer County Community College, Mohawk Valley Community College, Utica College, and the State University of New York Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to honor those businesses within the State of New York which distinguish themselves through outstanding professional behavior, corporate innovation, and enduring commitment to the community; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend WFXV/FOX 33 upon the occasion of celebrating its 25th Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to WFXV/FOX 33, Utica, New York.