

## 2013-J326

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring George Basler upon the occasion of his retirement after 34 years of distinguished service to THE PRESS & SUN-BULLETIN in Binghamton, New York

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors 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 honor George Basler upon the occasion of his retirement after 34 years of distinguished service to THE PRESS & SUN-BULLETIN in Binghamton, New York; and

WHEREAS, A 1968 graduate of Georgetown University, George Basler honorably served his country as a member of the United States Army, stationed in Korea during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, In 1978, George Basler started at the EVENING PRESS in Binghamton; the paper later merged with the SUN-BULLETIN and became THE PRESS & SUN-BULLETIN; and

WHEREAS, For the past 34 years, George Basler rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to THE PRESS & SUN-BULLETIN; and

WHEREAS, Primarily an education reporter, George Basler served with loyalty, honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, George Basler was governed by a keen sense of duty and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; and

WHEREAS, An ultimate professional, George Basler knew how to put people at ease even while asking difficult questions; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his career, George Basler mentored many younger journalists, molding them into high-quality news reporters whose skills have greatly benefited numerous media outlets across Binghamton and

beyond; and

WHEREAS, Beloved by all with whom he worked, George Basler consistently kept the morale high in the newsroom with his sharp wit and fantastic sense of humor; and

WHEREAS, A valued and involved member of his community, George Basler, immediately upon retiring, began volunteering for Meals on Wheels and for the Broome County Arts Council blog, where he is now chief theater reviewer; and

WHEREAS, With him throughout have been his wife, and daughter, both of whom feel privileged to be a part of his life and rejoice in his achievements; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure with THE PRESS & SUN-BULLETIN, George Basler earned the admiration, esteem and affection of his colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor George Basler upon the occasion of his retirement after 34 years of distinguished service to THE PRESS & SUN-BULLETIN in Binghamton, New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to George Basler.