

## 2013-J2729

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 50th Anniversary of WLNG on August 13, 2013

WHEREAS, The quality and character of life in this great Empire State is indelibly enriched by the faithful and untiring efforts of those radio stations which have helped shape the history of broadcasting in their area; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of WLNG on Tuesday, August 13, 2013; and

WHEREAS, For five decades WLNG has provided local news and covered events with a hometown flare embraced by its community and listeners; and

WHEREAS, Originally serving the Hamptons and Eastern Long Island, WLNG first aired on August 13, 1963 at 1600 AM, and in 1969, WLNG 92.1 FM hit the airways; today WLNG can be heard in the towns of Brookhaven, as well as the coastline of Connecticut and Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, Active within the community, WLNG is known for volunteering at blood drives, fundraising for local cancer patients, and broadcasting such events as high school football games; and

WHEREAS, In 1986, 1995, and 2004, WLNG was the flagship station for the U.S. Men's Golf Open at the Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, New York; and

WHEREAS, Recognized for its outstanding service, WLNG received the National Association of Broadcasters Crystal Radio Award in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Paul Sidney began his illustrious career with WLNG in January of 1964, and served as General Manager/President until his death in 2009; he had many accomplishments throughout his time with WLNG, and in 2007, was inducted into the New York Broadcasting Association Hall of

Fame; and

WHEREAS, In addition, Gary Sapiane, present General Manager/President, and Rusty Potz, Executive Vice President/Sales Manager, have both served WLNG for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, WLNG remains a reliable source and unique voice to its faithful listeners; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body would like to extend its highest commendation to WLNG in recognition of its history of achievement, innovation and service to its community and the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of WLNG; and be it further

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