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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Hank Brown upon the occasion of his retirement after 55 years of distinguished service to radio and television in the Mohawk Valley

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that the quality and character of life in this great Empire State is indelibly enriched by the faithful and untiring efforts of those individuals who 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 honor Hank Brown upon the occasion of his retirement after 55 years of distinguished service to radio and television in the Mohawk Valley; he hung up his headphones at his final broadcast at Good Guys Broadcasting, Inc., on New Years Eve, Tuesday, December 31, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Hank Brown has been synonymous with community broadcasting for generations of Mohawk Valley residents; and

WHEREAS, In 1957, Hank Brown began his illustrious career of broadcasting for Mohawk Valley at WLFH radio in Little Falls, New York; over the years, he has broadcasted on WRUN, WIBX, WUTQ, and WADR; and

WHEREAS, After years as "your host for coffee and toast" on the former WUTQ 1550 and WADR 1480 for Roser Communications Network, Hank Brown returned to his previous frequencies on WUSP and WRCK radio, which had since been purchased from Roser by Good Guys Broadcasting, Inc. in Utica, New York; and

WHEREAS, Known as "Dean of Broadcasting," and for his very popular radio show "The Hank Brown Show," Hank Brown is also famous for hosting "Twist-a-Rama" on WKTV, a locally produced television dance show that spotlighted local bands in the Utica area in a manner similar to a local music scene which Dick Clark hosted on 'American Bandstand'; some of his

first guests on the show were Neil Sedaka, Diana Ross and the Supremes;
and

WHEREAS, He also had the pleasure of announcing boxing, and was successful in his part of the broadcast team at the 1976 Olympics; he will continue to announce boxing matches several times a year at Madison Square Garden in New York City, and spend quality time with his family, as well as his charity work; and

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

WHEREAS, Hank Brown has, throughout his career and purposeful life, served his community with integrity and devotion, continuously striving to meet the needs of his listeners through entertainment and enlightenment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to proudly honor Hank Brown upon the occasion of his retirement after 55 years of distinguished service to radio and television in the Mohawk Valley; and be it further

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