

## 2013-J3959

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Patricia Beck upon the occasion of her retirement after 17 years of dedicated service as Publisher of the LEADER-HERALD

WHEREAS, The State of New York takes great pride in acknowledging significant milestones in the distinguished careers of its esteemed residents; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Beck has announced her retirement after 17 years as publisher of the LEADER-HERALD, effective March 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Pat attended Fulton-Montgomery Community College for secretarial science; and

WHEREAS, She began her long and distinguished career in journalism and communications in the early 1980s, at local radio stations "WMVQ" and "WKOL"; and

WHEREAS, Pat was then approached by the then-publisher of the RECORDER, Charlie Miller, to join the newspaper as a talk-show host as part of the paper's contract with Time Warner; and

WHEREAS, She worked at the RECORDER for 12 years, and was serving as advertising director before joining the LEADER-HERALD as advertising director in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Pat has served as publisher since December 1, 1996; and

WHEREAS, As publisher, she was instrumental in several LEADER-HERALD events, including the annual Fulton County Spelling Bee, Taste of Home Cooking School, and Air Force Band shows; and

WHEREAS, Pat is a trailblazer in her field; she was the first president of the New York Advertising Executives and one of the first female presidents of the New York State Publisher's Association, now known as the New York News Publishers' Association, and still serves on its board; and

WHEREAS, She has a long and distinguished history of community service, and has contributed her time to the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, the United Way of Montgomery County, the Foundation of the Fulton County Regional Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Soroptimist International Fulton County, St. John's Episcopal Church Vestry, Gloversville BID, Gloversville Economic Development Corp., Mental Health Association in Fulton and Montgomery Counties, Family Counseling Center, Big Brothers-Big Sisters, Fulton-Montgomery Community College Foundation, and Fulton County United Way, of which she is a director emeritus; and

WHEREAS, Pat has been honored as the Fulton County Executive of the Year and as Soroptimist Woman of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, She has also received the Founder's Day Award from the Gloversville Central Council Parent Teacher Association, and the Juliette Low Women of Distinction award from Mohawk Pathways Council, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Pat and her husband, Skip, are the proud parents of two children; they have also been blessed with two granddaughters; and

WHEREAS, She has been a tremendous asset to the LEADER-HERALD and an inspiration to her colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Patricia Beck upon her well-deserved retirement as publisher of the LEADER-HERALD; and be it further

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