

## 2013-J5886

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commemorating the 40th Anniversary of QUEEN CENTRAL NEWS

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those illustrious journalistic entities which have endured, diligently and consistently recording the history of their communities, highlighting local news, and bringing news of the larger world to their readers; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of QUEEN CENTRAL NEWS, of Camden, New York; and

WHEREAS, The QUEEN CENTRAL NEWS (QCN) has served Central New York communities in Oswego and Oneida counties for 40 years; with a circulation of 8,400 weekly newspapers, most of which are distributed door to door, QCN is the oldest and most comprehensive source of local news in the area, and is the official newspaper of the Towns of Camden, Vienna, Florence, Osceola and Constantia, the Village of Camden; and co-official newspaper of the Town of Williamstown, the Camden Central School District, the Altmar-Parish-Williamstown Central School District, and the Town of Amboy; and

WHEREAS, QUEEN CENTRAL NEWS was created by Jim Van Winkle, John Van Schoick, George Cady, and Dave Farnsworth Sr., on May 1, 1974, when the local paper, the CAMDEN ADVANCE JOURNAL, was sold to people outside of the community; and

WHEREAS, Three of QCN's founders had worked for the ADVANCE JOURNAL and they purchased it in 1975, combining it with QCN in 1981; and

WHEREAS, QCN's name refers to its home base of Camden, which is known as "the Queen Village"; "Central" represents the surrounding areas, and

"News" keeps everyone involved; and

WHEREAS, Today, QCN is led by Jim Van Winkle, and his wife, Josie, and staffed largely by members of the Van Winkle family, including daughters Darla Woodcock and Dori Monteith, grandson Kyle Woodcock, and granddaughter Amber Hamblin McNabb; the staff also includes photographer Ted Chase; and

WHEREAS, QCN is deeply committed to the communities it serves, and justifiably proud of its long history of connecting and sharing the stories of the residents and events affecting its readers; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when organizations of such noble aims and accomplishments are brought to our attention, they should be celebrated and recognized by all the citizens of the great State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of QUEEN CENTRAL NEWS; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Jim Van Winkle, publisher of QUEEN CENTRAL NEWS.