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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Dorothy and Curran Wade upon the occasion of their retirement after 27 years of distinguished service to WYBG Radio

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to pay tribute to those illustrious journalistic entities which have diligently and consistently, year after year, recorded the history of their communities and brought local news and news of the larger world to their listeners; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to congratulate Dorothy and Curran Wade upon the occasion of their retirement after 27 years of distinguished service to WYBG Radio; and

WHEREAS, The last day of operation for the local station that began beaming its signal 57 years ago under the call sign WSTS out of the former Slavin's building was on Tuesday, June 30, 2015; for nearly three decades, it has been under the local ownership and operation of Dorothy and Curran Wade of Wade Communications, Inc., with its studio located at 24 Andrews Street in Massena, New York; and

WHEREAS, Curran Wade has been in the broadcasting business for 61 years, including 50 in New York State, and 27 of which have been with WYBG alongside his wife, Dorothy M. Wade, affectionately known as Dottie; and

WHEREAS, An Alabama native, Curran Wade graduated from the University of Alabama where he studied communications and was captain of the football team; he began his illustrious career at an educational television station, working his way up to Operations Manager; and

WHEREAS, Following a stint in the United States Army in which he broadcast sports, weather and children's shows for the American Forces

Korean Network, Curran Wade worked in Mobile, Alabama, and a station outside of Chicago prior to taking a job at a television station in Jamestown, New York; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy and Curran Wade then relocated to Gouverneur, New York, where Curran served as Advertising Director for Kinney Drugs before starting his own advertising agency; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, Dorothy and Curran Wade established Wade Communications, Inc., and purchased what previously had been a music station, keeping with the music format for a while before deciding to make a switch to talk radio; over the years, listeners found various talk shows, as well as national, regional and local news coverage; and

WHEREAS, In addition to live weather updates and shows about history, trivia, automobiles, computers, homes, pets, travel and health, under the able leadership of Dorothy and Curran Wade, the station also featured such sports as Syracuse University football and basketball, and Major League Baseball; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy and Curran Wade served WYBG 1050 AM with loyalty, honor and distinction for 27 years, earning the admiration, esteem and affection of their colleagues and the community-at-large; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy and Curran Wade have, throughout their careers and purposeful lives, served their community with integrity and devotion, continuously striving to meet the needs of their listeners through entertainment and enlightenment; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their community and have shown a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession, certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Dorothy and Curran Wade upon the occasion of their retirement after 27 years of distinguished service to WYBG Radio; and be it

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Dorothy and Curran Wade.