

## 2015-K1027

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION honoring Steve Israel upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of distinguished service to the TIMES HERALD-RECORD

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to acknowledge the significant milestones in the distinguished careers of esteemed residents of this noble Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Steve Israel upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of distinguished service to the TIMES HERALD-RECORD to be celebrated on Thursday, March 3, 2016; he will officially retire on Friday, March 4, 2016; and

WHEREAS, For the past three decades, Steve Israel rendered faithful, conscientious and valuable service to the people of the Hudson Valley and the Catskills; during this time, he used his exceptional writing abilities to guide his readers through important issues, while also opening their eyes about important local issues; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Steve Israel has risen through the ranks, holding such esteemed positions as a reporter, writer, columnist and editor, while using his talents to educate and inform his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards and honors for his outstanding service, Steve Israel has been recognized by the New York State Associated Press and the New York News Publishers Association; and

WHEREAS, In his official acts, Steve Israel served with loyalty, honor and distinction, and always showed a unique grasp of human problems; he has earned the admiration, affection, and esteem of his colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Throughout the entire period of his community service, a

period of constructive involvement, Steve Israel has stood constant in dignity, good grace and humor; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when outstanding journalists 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 honor Steve Israel upon the occasion of his retirement after 30 years of distinguished service to the TIMES HERALD-RECORD, and to wish him the best in all of his future endeavors; and be it further

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