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Senate Resolution No. 2200

BY: Senator RITCHIE

HONORING Anne Richter Ashley and Brian Ashley upon
the occasion of their retirement from 7 News

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body seeks to acknowledge those individuals whose professional lives and civic endeavors serve to enhance the stature of the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize that the quality and character of life in New York State is reflective of the concerned and dedicated efforts of those individuals who are devoted to the welfare of the State and its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Anne Richter Ashley and Brian Ashley upon the occasion of their retirement from 7 News; and

WHEREAS, A North Country native, Anne joined 7 News in June of 1980, where she began her career as a reporter, then went on to produce and anchor the morning, noon, 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. newscasts throughout the years, in addition to serving as Assistant News Director; and

WHEREAS, Throughout her tenure at 7 News, Anne has covered every big story, including major weather events, such as the Ice Storm of 1998,

the reactivation of the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, presidential trips to the North Country, and countless others; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of her tremendous journalistic work, Anne has received a number of accolades, including the Syracuse Press Club's prestigious Bliven-Rossi Lifetime Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, A native of Owen Sound, Ontario, Anne's husband, Brian Ashley began his career in journalism in 1977; and

WHEREAS, In 1984, Brian moved to the United States where he became the News Director at WTNY Radio and after 12 years, moved to WWNY TV to co-anchor the 6:00 p.m. news alongside his wife, Anne, a role he excelled at for two decades; and

WHEREAS, Brian has received a number of accolades for his work, and says his favorite stories to cover were those focused on people overcoming problems big or small, including stories on the Ice Storms of 1991 and 1998, as well as the Microburst of 1995; and

WHEREAS, Upon his retirement from 7 News, Brian accepted a position as Executive Director of the Fort Drum Regional Liaison Organization, a role in which his purpose is to strengthen the connection between Fort Drum and the North Country's civilian community; and

WHEREAS, In addition to their successful careers, Anne and Brian have always made time to give back to their community, whether it be serving on boards of various local organizations or donating their time to countless worthy causes; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense 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 honor Anne Richter Ashley and Brian Ashley upon the occasion upon the occasion of their retirement from 7 New, and to wish them continued success in all their future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Anne Richter Ashley and Brian Ashley.