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Senate Resolution No. 3377

BY: Senator KENNEDY

MOURNING the death of Irv Weinstein, longtime television news anchor in Buffalo, New York, and devoted member of his community

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body to honor the memory of cherished citizens of the State of New York who distinguished themselves in their profession and whose talent, wit, charm, intellect and unique personality permeated all they did; and

WHEREAS, Irv Weinstein, a native of Western New York, died on Tuesday, December 26, 2017, at the age of 87; and

WHEREAS, At the young age of 15, Irv Weinstein began his illustrious broadcasting career at WHAM in Rochester, New York; after high school, he attended the School of Radio and TV Technique in New York City; and

WHEREAS, After graduating, Irv Weinstein held jobs in Iowa and West Virginia before returning to Western New York to serve as Newscaster and News Director at WKBW-AM in 1958; and

WHEREAS, In 1964, Irv Weinstein moved from radio to television when he assumed the positions of both Anchor and News Director at WKBW-TV; after more than three decades of service, he retired as the oldest anchor in television on December 31, 1998, a day that was proclaimed

"Irv Weinstein Day" in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, Known as the King of Local Television News, Irv Weinstein will be remembered by his loyal fans and fellow broadcasters for his rapid-fire delivery and famous alliteration; through his amazing spirit and valuable skills as an anchor, he was instrumental in bringing Channel 7 news from its No. 3 rating to No. 1 for about 24 years; and

WHEREAS, A compassionate and benevolent man, Irv Weinstein touched many with his generosity through his work with The Variety Club and numerous other charitable groups; and

WHEREAS, For his steadfast and unremitting commitment to his profession, Irv Weinstein was inducted into the Buffalo Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 1998, and the New York State Broadcasters Association in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Irv Weinstein is survived by his loving wife, Elaine; two devoted daughters, Beth Krom and Rachel Lloyd; one cherished son, Marc; and three treasured grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, An inspiration to many, it is the intent of this Legislative Body to inscribe upon its records this tribute to the memory of Irv Weinstein, that future generations may know and appreciate his admirable character, his many benevolent deeds, and the respect and esteem in which he was held; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to celebrate and pay tribute to the life of Irv Weinstein, whose legendary talent entertained audiences for several decades; he will be greatly missed by his family, friends, colleagues and fans across Western New

York and the Nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Irv Weinstein.