

RESOLUTION # 678

**WHEREAS:** Radio Station WYSH AM and FM started business fifty years ago with a small broadcast office on Cullom Street between Commerce and Market with a transmitter on Hillcrest, and

**WHEREAS:** the founders stated then the policy of the station as it remains today... "to make time available to citizens of good standing who wish to present their views on public issues without regard to the sides taken... and to aid and abet in every way possible all civic, religious and cultural activities of Anderson County and surrounding areas," and

**WHEREAS:** the original owners were George and Charlotte Guerlin, John Paxton and Jim Stair who was General Manager, the earliest and most frequent voice of the station and who even became Mayor of Clinton, and

**WHEREAS:** in the early 80's Mack Sanders of Nashville and Ray Harper of Alabama assumed ownership of the stations and notable voices of the stations were Dr. John Clarence Davis Jr. III, Estle Cloud, and Charlie Phillips, the original voice of the Dragons, and Jim Hollingsworth assisted with commentary by two All American football players from Clinton, Larry Seivers and Charles McRae, and

**WHEREAS:** Ron Meredith has been the owner, General Manager and primary voice of WYSH for twenty years since 1990 with able assistance from Jim Harris, now voice of the Dragons, Eddie Lemarr, and Walter Stair and programs include Local Information News and Weather, Trading Time, Ask your Neighbor, with special guests, Community Bulletin Board, Clinton High School Sports broadcasts, Election coverage and more, and

**WHEREAS:** WYSH ranks 15<sup>th</sup> out of 88 stations in the East Tennessee area and Ron Meredith now owns and operates Merle FM, one of the top FM stations in the Knoxville market as well as WGAP in Blount County, and

**WHEREAS:** WYSH for fifty years and Ron Meredith for twenty of those years has achieved its mission "to aid and abet in every way possible our civic, religious and cultural activities" and thereby contributed greatly to the betterment of our city and county.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Clinton that we express our sincere appreciation to WYSH, its owners, managers and employees who have for fifty years contributed so much so consistently to our community.

Approved this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010.

  
Vickie L. Fagan, City Recorder

  
Roger Houck, City Manager

  
Mayor Scott Burton

  
Vice Mayor Jim McBride

  
Councilman Larry Gann

  
Councilman Chayfie Lyons

  
Councilman Rob Herrell

  
Councilman Jerry Shattuck

  
Councilman E.T. Stamey

