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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Charles Solar upon the occasion of celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, Gertrude Marie Riches and Charles Solar were united in marriage on September 28, 1947, at the Alexandria Bay Methodist Church, with the Reverend Lisle Caldwell officiating; and

WHEREAS, The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Riches, and the groom, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Solar; and WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Solar celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary with an Open House Reception at their home on September 29, 2012; and WHEREAS, Charles Solar graduated from Clayton Central School in 1941, and served in the United States Army during World War II; and WHEREAS, Charles Solar retired as Superintendent of the Clayton Department of Public Works in 1984; he was honored as Clayton's first Citizen of the Year in 1970, and in 2011, he was named Honorary Dock Master in recognition of his dedicated and outstanding service to the Clayton community; and

WHEREAS, Charles Solar is a member of the American Legion, Post 821, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge 328, and a 71-year active member of the Clayton Volunteer Fire Department, of which he has served as president, vice-president and chief; and

WHEREAS, Until June of 2011, Charles Solar served as a Village Crossing Guard in Clayton; and

WHEREAS, Gertrude Solar graduated from Alexandria Central High School in 1943, and retired from the former Graphic Controls in Clayton in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Gertrude Solar is a charter member of the Clayton Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary, and past District Deputy of the Thousand Islands Rebekah Lodge 109; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Solar are the proud parents of two sons, William and Robert, and the loving grandparents of seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Solar are and always have been a tower of strength, support, understanding and limitless love for their family;

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WHEREAS, Their love, devotion, caring, sensitivity and responsiveness to their family, friends and all who know them are their hallmark and tradition; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Solar have lived and continue to live their lives with great dignity and genuine grace, always demonstrating a deep and continuing concern for human values and ideals, and in so doing, they have inspired others to do the same; and WHEREAS, This meaningful occasion is the result of the love, hard work and spirit that this couple has invested in their marriage; and WHEREAS, They have passed these same values to their loved ones, producing a family that is close-knit and supportive of its individual members, public-minded in its relations to the community and committed to the ideals of citizenship upon which this Nation was founded; and WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Solar have touched the lives of their family and many friends through the shining example of their marriage, which is a testament to the devotion and admiration which they possess for one another; and

WHEREAS, The longevity of this enduring marriage truly marks a milestone in life's journey, an event of personal triumph and joy; and WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that when an occasion of such importance is brought to our attention, the same should be

memorialized by us for the edification and emulation of others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Charles Solar upon the occasion of celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Solar.