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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Ford Reynolds upon the occasion of celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, Sarah Elizabeth Washburn and Ford Reynolds were united in marriage on September 29, 1962, at the Macomb Wesleyan Church, with the Reverend James Keysor officiating; and

WHEREAS, Sarah and Ford Reynolds celebrated their 50th Anniversary at a weekend retreat hosted by their children at Camp Peniel in Lake Luzerne, New York; and

WHEREAS, The bride is the daughter of the late Alvin and Bertha Washburn and the groom, the son of the late James and Emeline Reynolds; and WHEREAS, Mr. Reynolds graduated from Richville High School and Canton Agricultural and Technical Institute, and operated the family dairy farm in Richville until 1997; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reynolds also served as Pastor of the Richville Christian Fellowship Church from 1993 until 2009; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Reynolds graduated from Gouverneur High School and attended Houghton College, and works as a homemaker; and WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds are both active members of the Richville Christian Fellowship and enjoy spending time with their family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Reynolds are the parents of four children, Laurie, James, Jill and Heidi, as well as 14 grandchildren; and WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Reynolds are and always have been a tower of strength, support, understanding and limitless love for their family; and

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. Ford Reynolds 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. Ford Reynolds 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. Ford Reynolds upon the occasion of celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. Ford Reynolds.