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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Al Blanchette upon the occasion of celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, Al and Jeanette Blanchette were united in marriage on October 11, 1952, at St. Margaret Mary's Church; a blessing from The Reverend Ronald Menty was received in October at All Saints Catholic Church, formerly St. Margaret Mary's Church; and

WHEREAS, The couple celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary with a surprise dinner held in their honor at their home by their children and grandchildren; in addition, a trip back to the West Coast has been planned; and

WHEREAS, They are the proud parents of six children, Nancy (Bob) Bombard, Judy Trichilo, Denise (Jim) Heiserman, Regina (Mark) Burby, Timothy (Kathy) Blanchette, and the late Alan Blanchette, and the loving grandparents of 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; and  
WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Al Blanchette 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, Al Blanchette was employed as a mason for 48 years, working his last 10 years for SUNY and retiring in 1995; Jeanette Blanchette also retired in 1995 from SUNY; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Al Blanchette 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 this couple has invested in their marriage; and

WHEREAS, These same values they have passed 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. Al Blanchette 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. Al Blanchette upon the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Mr. and Mrs. Al Blanchette.