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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Martin R. Luther, Sr. upon the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, Martin R. Luther, Sr. and the former Barbara Foster were united in marriage on January 26, 1963, at St. Francis Solanus Church in Harrisville, New York; and

WHEREAS, Martin Luther is the son of the late Roy and Ruth Atkinson Luther, and Barbara Luther is the daughter of the late Earle and Florence Foster; and

WHEREAS, Martin and Barbara Luther celebrated their 50th Anniversary with a dinner at Maggie's on the River, followed by a reception at Hill-top Towers in Watertown; and

WHEREAS, Martin Luther graduated from Harrisville High School in 1943 and served in the United States Army from 1945 to 1946; he worked for the St. Regis Paper Company in Harrisville, Jones & Laughlin Steel Company, in Star Lake, and the New York Airbrake Company, in Watertown, along with Harrisville Central School; and

WHEREAS, A member of the American Legion and the Harrisville Rod and Gun Club, Martin Luther also served as mayor of Harrisville from 1969 to 1971, Town of Diana assessor from 1973 to 1978, and was a member of the Harrisville Central School Board of Education from 1984 to 1989; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Luther is a Class of 1954 graduate of Vincentian Institute in Albany; she worked for the State of New York in Albany as well as a supervisor of youth recreation in Harrisville; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Luther is a past president of both the American Legion Auxiliary and the Harrisville Rod and Gun Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Luther also owned the Harrisville Laundromat and Car Wash, as well as B & M Bookkeeping; and

WHEREAS, They are the proud parents of four children, John ("Jack"), Craig, Martin R., Jr., and Laura, and have five grandchildren as well as one great-granddaughter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Luther 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. Martin Luther 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, 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. Martin Luther 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. Martin R. Luther, Sr. 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. Martin R. Luther, Sr.