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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Macchio upon the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, Ralph Macchio and Rosalie DeSantis were united in marriage on July 25, 1959, at Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Church in Wyandah, Long Island, New York; and

WHEREAS, The couple celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary surrounded by their family and friends at a party at their home on Long Island; and

WHEREAS, They are the proud parents of Ralph G. Macchio, Jr. and his wife, Phyllis, Steven J. Macchio and his wife, Deborah, and have six grandchildren, Julia Rose, Daniel Ralph, Gino Steven, Sabrina Jade, Savanna Loren and Nicolette Jolie; and

WHEREAS, Ralph and Rosalie Macchio 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, Ralph and Rosalie Macchio stay very busy managing their multifaceted businesses on Long Island, as well as in Upstate New York, Florida and Indiana and continue to pursue new ventures; and

WHEREAS, In 1962, Ralph and Rosalie Macchio opened their first business, a laundromat, which grew to several more; due to the need for wastewater disposal, the business RGM was also born in 1962; it grew for the next 26 years and became a well-respected sanitary/industrial waste company on Long Island; and

WHEREAS, Ralph Macchio was one of the first members who formed the Long Island Liquid Waste Association and was also the founder of the

National Association of Waste Transporters which is now global; and  
WHEREAS, In February 1998, at the Pumper's Annual Trade Show, Ralph Macchio was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award; not only did he receive this great honor but it was named after him and is given annually at the trade show; and

WHEREAS, Through all of this Rosalie Macchio has been his partner in business as well as life, and has always been supportive of his ventures; she is the recipient of the Lifetime of Support Award; and

WHEREAS, Ralph and Rosalie Macchio 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 a 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, Ralph and Rosalie Macchio 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 Ralph and Rosalie Macchio upon the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Ralph and Rosalie Macchio.