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

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gerhard, of Delmar, New York, were united in marriage on August 13, 1960 at St. Benedict Joseph Labre Church in Queens; and

WHEREAS, Regina and Ronald Gerhard are the proud parents of David and Michelle Gerhard of Voorheesville, Brian and LeAnn Gerhard of Suwanee, Georgia, and Gregory and Lauren Gerhard of Decatur, Georgia and are also the loving grandparents of Ryan Gerhard of Albany and Emily Gerhard of Suwanee; and

WHEREAS, Regina and Ronald Gerhard joyously celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary surrounded by their family, first with an early celebration on Anna Maria Island in Florida in June 2010 arranged by their children, and later with a second celebration on Long Island with many members of their extended family; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Gerhard, a Cornell University graduate, is retired from his career in the health field while Regina Gerhard is a retired nurse and real estate broker; and

WHEREAS, Regina and Ronald Gerhard 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, Regina and Ronald Gerhard 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, Regina and Ronald Gerhard 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 Regina and Ronald Gerhard upon the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary; and be it further

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