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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kern upon the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary

WHEREAS, Longtime residents of Valley Stream, New York, Herbert Frederick Kern and the former Virginia Josephine Levay were united in marriage on January 26, 1952; and

WHEREAS, The daughter of the late Ann and Jesse Levay, Virginia Josephine Levay Kern was born in Queens on February 16, 1932 and worked for the New York Telephone Company for 38 years; and

WHEREAS, The son of the late Elizabeth and Frederick Kern, Herbert Frederick Kern was born in Germany on March 11, 1927; when he was three years old, he came to America with his mother and brother; and

WHEREAS, Herbert Kern worked for the Incorporated Village of Valley Stream for 36 years; he was instrumental in the construction of the Valley Stream Pool, also known as Hendrickson Park, and was the Operator and Foreman of the pool; and

WHEREAS, Herbert Kern has lived in his Valley Stream home for approximately 78 years and has joyfully shared it with Virginia since their marriage 60 years ago; and

WHEREAS, They are the proud parents of a daughter, Deborah Ann, and have two grandsons, Charles and Kyle Avondet, and a great-granddaughter, Ella Grace Avondet; and

WHEREAS, The year 2012 is a very special year for the Kerns; in addition to the celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary, Virginia Kern will celebrate her 80th Birthday on February 16, 2012, and Herbert Kern will celebrate his 85th Birthday on March 11, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Virginia and Herbert Kern 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, Virginia and Herbert Kern 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, Virginia and Herbert Kern 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. Herbert Kern upon the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary and the celebration of their special birthdays; and be it further

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